

Newcastle East Public School

Project update

September 2019

A project is underway to upgrade Newcastle East Public School. Works include the construction of four new flexible learning spaces, a new covered outdoor learning area, refurbishment of the staff administration area, and replacing the roof of the existing heritage building.

Temporary relocation of administration area

During the October school holidays, the existing administration area will be temporarily relocated to the north-west corner of the school near the OOSH, to allow for the refurbishment of the existing administration area to commence (please refer to site map overleaf).

The temporary admin location can be easily accessed via the existing entry to the school off Tyrell Street and will be operational from day 1, Term 4 2019 until the refurbishment works are completed in 2020.

Replacing the roof of the existing heritage building

Newcastle East Public School is a site of historical significance in Australian education and with the age of the site and the buildings come some unique challenges. The roof of the main building (Block A) needs to be replaced and bonded (non-friable) asbestos has been identified in the existing roof tiles. This is not unusual for a building of this age as asbestos containing material was a commonly used building material between the 1940s and the 1980s.

The existing roof tiles will be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor during the Christmas school holidays. The works will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan, Asbestos Removal Code of Practice and Safe Work NSW requirements.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and our neighbours is of highest priority, and all necessary measures have been and will continue to be carried out to ensure that the material is removed safely.

Upcoming community meetings

Two community meetings will be held at the school in Term 4 to further inform the community on the scope of these works and timing. A specialist hygienist will also be available to respond to any questions from the school community.

The meetings will be held at Newcastle East Public School Library on:

- Tuesday 15 October 6.00-7.00pm
- Monday 28 October 5.00-6.00pm

Keeping you updated

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

If you have any queries relating to the Newcastle East Public School upgrade works, please contact School Infrastructure NSW using the contact information below.

Newcastle East Public School indicative site plan



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