

# Newcastle East Public School

## Works notification

22 May 2020

### Weekly update on work at Newcastle East Public School

To keep the community informed during ongoing construction and remediation work, we will continue to produce weekly updates in the lead up to completion of work.

As advised in last week's update, the following works are happening this weekend:

- On Saturday 23 May 2020 and Sunday 24 May 2020, we will remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in the heritage building in the OOSH, toilets and storeroom. The material is contained in ceiling and wall panels and testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure. These rooms are already cordoned off and out of bounds to students and staff.
- No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours. Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated and clearance certificates issued by the independent hygienist. We will keep you informed if further contaminated material is found which requires removal.

### Work between Monday 25 May and Sunday 31 May 2020

#### Heritage building

We will continue to work on the heritage building, including refurbishing the administration area, painting internal walls and carrying out some carpentry repairs. The slating of the roof tiles and chimney repairs are nearing completion and we will continue with the partial removal of scaffolding around the building.

Students and teachers will reoccupy the two classrooms in the heritage building from Monday 25 May 2020 (classes 4/5 R and 5/6 P). These classrooms will be accessed via the Tyrell Street verandah.

Current work hours are 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday and 8:00am to 4:00pm on Sundays.

#### Playground remediation

Tenders are now open for the delivery of the playground remediation works. Tenders will close on 9 June 2020, with the successful contractor expected to be announced, and work commencing in July 2020.

#### Asbestos Remediation

On Saturday 30 May 2020 and Sunday 31 May 2020, we will remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in block B. This is the building next to the temporary administration building.

This material is contained in the waterproofing membrane used for the ceiling. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

This material will be removed in accordance with the Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours. Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated and clearance certificates issued by the independent hygienist. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

## **Keeping you updated**

Thank you for your understanding during this important work. We will continue to provide weekly updates to the school community. We welcome any enquiries regarding work at Newcastle East Public School.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across New South Wales. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

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