

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

29 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 30 May 2020 and Sunday 31 May 2020, we will remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in block B (also informally referred to as the 'bomb shelter'). 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.
- We will also be removing the additional material found in block A as advised in the notification issued 27 May 2020 (attached). During the planned removal of a wall in the OOSH, an unknown wall panel was discovered that was previously encapsulated between the removed wall panel and the tiled wall in the kitchen.
- 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.

Work will also be carried out this weekend to connect new Telstra lines to the server room in the Heritage Building. This will include some excavation within the site.

Work between Monday 1 June and Sunday 7 June 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. Refurbishment works following the removal of asbestos containing material in the OOSH, toilets and storeroom will also continue.

Roofing works are also continuing over the lower awning adjacent to Brown Street.

A new disability access ramp is being installed on the western elevation of the building to allow access to the school administration area.

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

Playground remediation

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

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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Dear parents/carers,

During work to remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in the heritage building at Newcastle East Public School on the weekend, material was found in the OOSH which is suspected to contain asbestos.

Following the planned removal of a wall in the OOSH toilet, a wall panel was identified that was previously encapsulated by the removed wall and the tile wall lining in the kitchen. It is suspected that the wall panel contains bonded asbestos, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution, the area remains isolated and air monitoring is continuing. All air monitoring results have returned acceptable ambient air levels. (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL).

The additional removal work will be carried out on Saturday 30 May 2020 and Sunday 31 May 2020 as part of planned works to the remediate block B. No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours.

The work will take place 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.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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