## NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



## Newcastle East Public School Project Update

### January 2020

#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

#### Newcastle East Public School

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 (COLA), refurbishment of the staff administration areas, and replacing the roof of the existing heritage building.

#### **Progress summary**

Works on the new building (building E) are complete and the four new flexible learning spaces and COLA are ready for Day 1 Term 1, 2020.

The administration area has been temporarily relocated to the north-west corner of the school.

Refurbishment of the existing staff administration areas in the heritage building has started.

New access arrangements for the school will be in place from Day 1 Term 1, 2020 and are shown in the map attached to this notification.

It is expected that all construction works, including the administration refurbishment and roof restoration works will be completed during Term 2, 2020.

#### Upcoming works

- finish installing the lift in the new building
- complete landscaping
- complete the admin refurbishment in the existing heritage building
- start to decommission the site, including removal of site sheds and fencing.

#### Heritage building roof restoration works

The asbestos roof tiles were safely removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor during the summer holidays.

As part of the monitoring carried out for these works, small traces of asbestos containing material were found. This material was confirmed as nonbonded (friable) asbestos.



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The heritage building has received all necessary certification and can be used safely by students and staff for Term 1 2020, at the discretion of the Principal. Further information has been provided in a separate works notification.

## Upcoming works - heritage building roof restoration and internal refurbishment

The installation of the new roof tiles has started and will continue during term 1.

As part of the decontamination of the heritage building, an internal refurbishment is being carried out. This includes repainting of all the interior walls and ceiling and installing new carpet.

Additional external works will include:

- finishing installation of the new roof tiles
- installation of new guttering and downpipes.
- removal of scaffolding around the heritage building.

Two classrooms in the heritage building will be operational during term one.

All remaining works to complete the installation of roof tiles over these two classrooms will take place outside of school hours.

#### Temporary road closures on Brown Street

Over the coming months, short-term partial road closures are required on Brown Street between Kitchener Parade and Tyrell Street. Closures will occur when oversized vehicles move to and from the site.

Traffic control will be in place for the safety of students, community and workers. Road users should follow the direction of traffic control at all times.



## Frequently asked questions

#### What can I expect on Day 1 Term 1, 2020?

The new building and covered outdoor learning area (COLA) will be ready for students and teachers on Day 1 Term 1, 2020.

Scaffolding will still be in place around the heritage building until roofing, carpentry and painting is complete. The scaffold, fence and site compound will be removed once all work is complete.

Please see the attached map for movement and access arrangements for the school that will be in place from Day 1 Term 1, 2020.

#### What has been completed?

New permanent teaching spaces and an upgrade to core facilities have now been completed. The project includes four new flexible learning spaces, new toilets, new COLA and canteen.

# Is there any remaining construction on site? When will it be finished?

The project team will finish installing the lift in the new building and complete final landscaping works.

The admin refurbishment in the existing heritage building and the roof restoration works will also be completed in Term 2, 2020.

# What are the construction working hours for the roof restoration and internal refurbishment of the heritage building?

The roof restoration works and associated activities are being completed under an approved Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and work outside of typical construction hours will take place as required.

All remaining works to complete the installation of roof tiles over the two operational classrooms will take place outside of school hours.

#### How long will the scaffolding be in place?

Scaffolding will remain until all roof restoration works are complete.

#### When will all construction activity be completed?

It is expected that all construction works, including the administration refurbishment and roof restoration works will be completed during Term 2, 2020.

#### Will the heritage building be operational for Day 1, Term 1, 2020?

Two classrooms on the Tyrell Street side of the building will be operational from Day 1 Term 1, 2020.

The rest of the building will not be accessible by the school community while the remaining internal refurbishment works are completed.

# Where will the remaining four classrooms in the heritage building be relocated to during Term 1?

Four teaching spaces will be used from Day 1, Term 1 in the new building.

The school library will also be used as a classroom during Term 1.

#### What safety measures will be in place?

The health and safety of the community is our highest priority. Temporary fencing has been installed around the construction site to secure the area and prevent public access.

#### How will traffic be managed?

Traffic management will be in place where required for the safety of the local community and workers. Traffic controllers will be used where required to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site.

Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times.

#### Who can I contact if I have a concern about works?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

If you have any further questions regarding the roof restoration work and additional refurbishment, please contact the Asset Management Unit on 02 4088 3500

In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

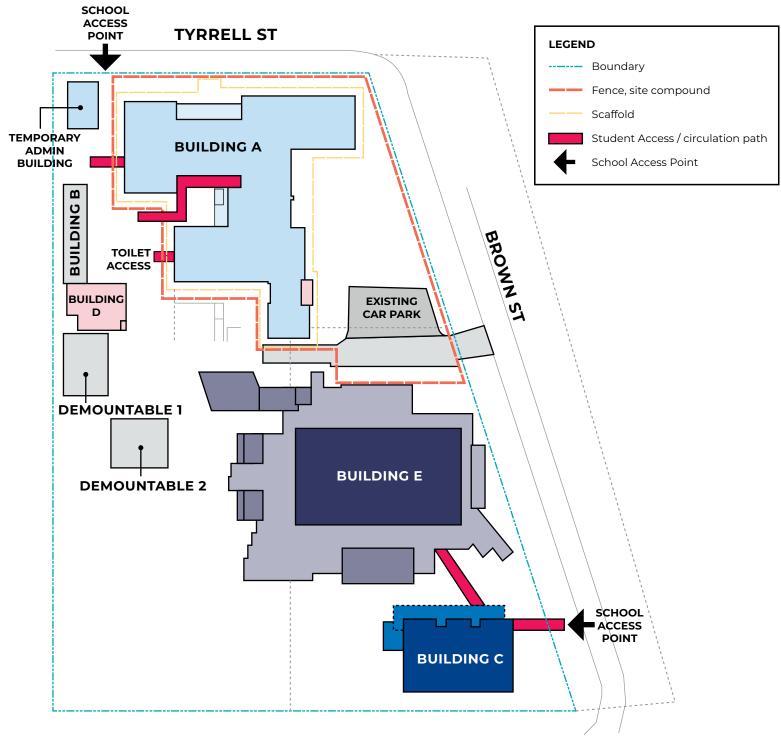
On behalf of the Project Team and school community, we thank you for your patience as we deliver this upgraded school.

#### For more information contact:

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