

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

24 July 2020

Update on work at Newcastle East Public School

Heritage building and block B

The major work associated with the upgrade of Newcastle East Public School is complete. The project has delivered:

- four new flexible, permanent learning spaces
- a new covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and communal gathering space
- refurbishment of the staff administration area
- replacement of the roof on the heritage building.

From week 2 of Term 3 the administration will operate from the newly refurbished area in the heritage building.

Playground Upgrade

The contract for the upgrade of the playground at Newcastle East Public School has been awarded to Daracon Construction Pty Ltd and works will start on 3 August 2020. The work will take approximately four months to complete and will include:

- new cricket nets and a nature play area
- new seating and garden spaces
- improvements to the drainage of the playground
- concrete retaining wall along Kitchener Parade with hedge planting
- new astro turf
- remediation of existing garden beds around the school

Detailed geotechnical investigations showed traces of contaminated soils, including traces of heavy metals, approximately 1 metre below surface level. The remediation works will be included as part of the upgrade and include:

- removing material to ensure a seamless transition between the remediated playground and the adjacent paths and guttering
- capping the remaining material in the playground area with a geo-fabric layer
- importing new clean fill (road base) to the playground
- installing new astro turf.

No contaminated material will be removed during school hours. All materials 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 asbestos removalists / contaminated lands consultants and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

A notification providing further detail on the early works will be issued prior to the start of work.

Refurbishment of block A (heritage building)

Tenders are now open for the delivery of additional refurbishment work to block A. The work includes improvements to five classrooms, the OOSH and support facilities including painting, electrical work and carpet.

Tenders close on 11 August 2020 with the successful contractor expected to be announced and work commencing in early September 2020.

Managing construction impacts

During construction, we will ensure the safety of students, staff, contractors, parents and other visitors to the site is maintained. This includes:

- separating the site from the school grounds with security fences
- contractors entering the site via dedicated access points
- preventing contractor access to other areas on the school grounds
- scheduling deliveries and vehicle movements to minimise impacts to kiss and drop peak times.

Keeping you updated

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. We will continue to provide further information as this work progresses.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

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