

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

31 July 2020

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. The notification will provide both a weekly and monthly lookahead of work.

As advised in the notification of Friday 24 July 2020, the contract for the upgrade of the playground was awarded to Daracon Construction Pty Ltd and works will start on Monday 3 August 2020.

Playground Upgrade

Between **Monday 3 August and Sunday 9 August 2020**, we will begin site establishment and minor earth works to prepare the site for construction. This will include:

- additional site fencing and signage
- setup of site facilities including a compound in the staff car park
- mobilisation of machinery including excavators
- removal of existing tree stumps and rubbish from site.

On **Saturday 8 August 2020** we will be removing topsoil in the playground to prepare for piling works as well as the relocation of existing sandstone blocks and some tree removal works.

Material will be temporarily stockpiled within the construction site and encapsulated with plastic sheeting bound down by weights. The removal of material off site will be done over weekends and during school holidays as required. No contaminated material will be removed during school hours.

The construction site and any material removal will be managed 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.

Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated and clearance certificates issued by the independent hygienist. An independent hygienist will perform daily airborne fibre monitoring and inspections of the work.

Works will take place from 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Saturdays and Sundays. In line with the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020*, School Infrastructure NSW construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to allow workers to maintain social distancing while on construction sites by distributing building work across the entire week.

Managing construction impacts

We will manage and control the construction impacts to the school and wider community by:

- separating the site from the school grounds with security fencing
- contractors entering the site via dedicated access points and preventing access to other school areas
- scheduling deliveries and vehicle movements to minimise impacts to kiss and drop peak times.
- notifying the school community and surrounding neighbours before work starts
- completing potentially disruptive tasks outside of school hours.

Monthly look ahead

Once site establishment works for the playground are complete, works during August 2020 will include:

- clean-up of site including tree removal, relocation of existing sandstone blocks, some concrete removal and the removal of existing play equipment
- stormwater works
- earthworks for the retaining wall.

Refurbishment of block A (heritage building)

Tenders are open until 11 August 2020 for additional refurbishment of block A. The work includes improvements to five classrooms, the out of school hours care (OOSH) and support facilities including painting, electrical work and carpeting. Work is expected to commence in September 2020.

Keeping you updated

In March 2020, the NSW Government introduced proactive measures, including social distancing, to limit the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on schools and communities. Social distancing resulted in changes to the way we engage with the community. Instead of face-to-face discussions we will deliver notifications to your letterbox or via the Skoolbag app. Community members are invited to discuss the work over the phone and email. Additional information boards about the playground work will also be placed on the fencing around the school.

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.

We look forward to delivering this exciting upgrade for the school community.

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