Playground upgrade

A project is underway to upgrade the playground at Newcastle East Public School. The playground improvements include:

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

Project overview

The upgrade will require the removal of some contaminated soil out of school hours.

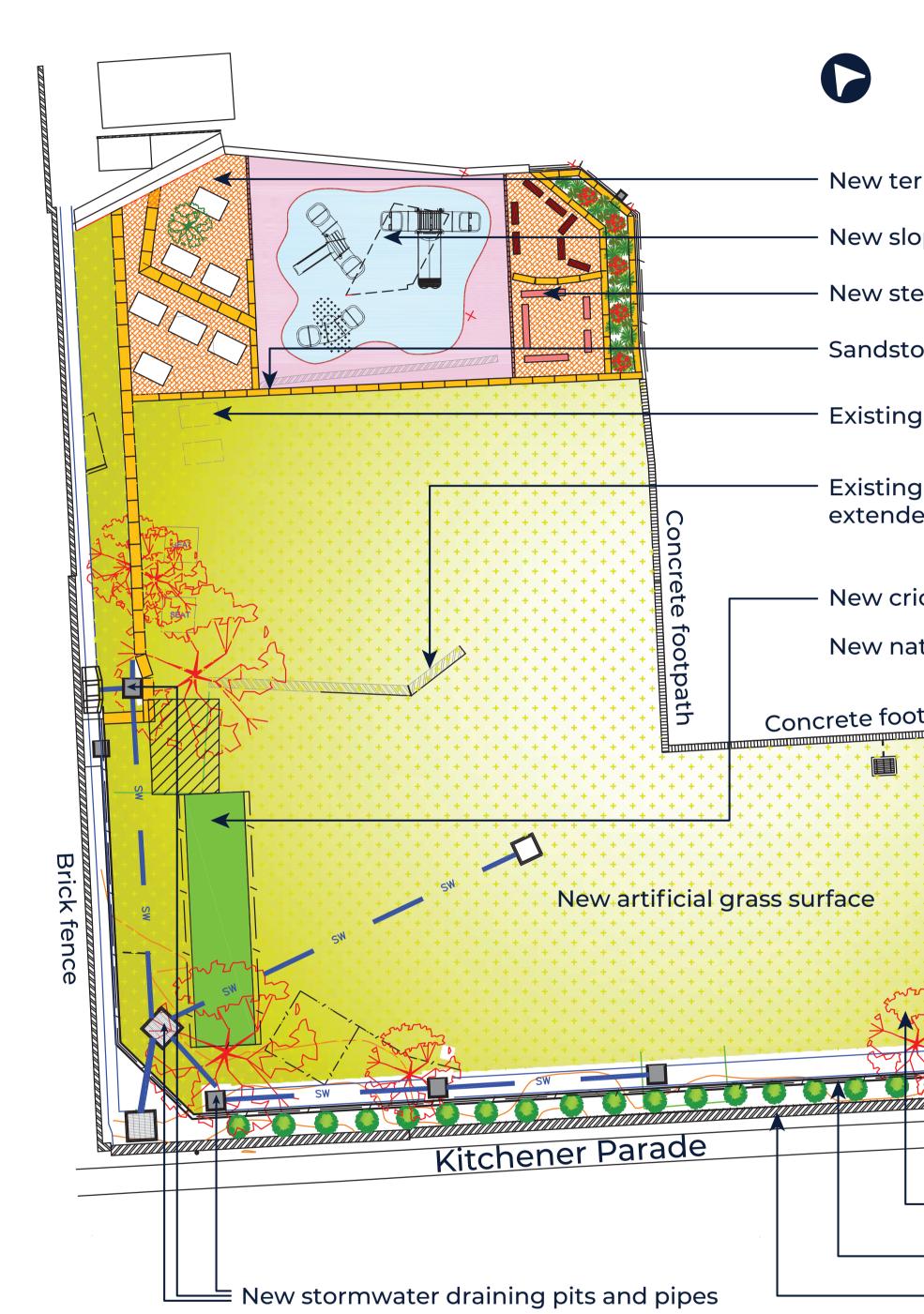
All materials will be removed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos removalists / contaminated lands consultants and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

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 fencing
- 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.

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- New terraced garden beds
- New sloped play area
- New stepped seating areas
- Sandstone blocks re-laid on natural surface
- Existing garden boxes will be removed
- Existing sandstone wall will be raised and extended to western boundary
- New cricket nets

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- All trees to be removed
- New concrete retaining wall with security fencing
- Existing stone retaining wall

