

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

12 June 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.

Work this weekend

In addition to the work included in last Friday's notification, work will also continue this coming weekend to connect new services to the Heritage building including NBN and Telstra.

Asbestos containing material update

During work to remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in the heritage building and Block B (informally referred to as the 'bomb shelter') over the weekend, additional material was uncovered in both buildings which was suspected to contain asbestos.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that in both instances, the material is bonded asbestos and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. As a precaution, licenced contractors have implemented approved control measures, including encapsulating the two areas with paint and/sealant. This ensures the material is appropriately encapsulated, as well as being inaccessible.

The works have been completed in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and air monitoring carried out by an independent hygienist has returned results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL).

We are planning remediation work for this additional material at a later date. We will keep you informed about this work. Please be assured that this material does not pose a risk to the school community.

Work between Monday 15 June and Sunday 21 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.

We will also recommence the removal of the remaining scaffolding around the heritage building. This scaffolding is inside the site compound.

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

Playground remediation

Tenders will close this week for the delivery of the playground remediation works. The closing date for tenders is 16 June 2020, with the successful contractor expected to be announced and work commencing in July 2020.

Block E and block B

Minor rectification works will be carried out this week in the new building (block E).

Refurbishment works in block B (also informally referred to as the 'bomb shelter') will also continue.

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.

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