

# Newcastle East Public School

## Works notification

7 August 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.

#### Playground Upgrade

Between **Monday 10 August and Sunday 17 August** work will include:

- Removal of rubbish from site
- Removal of tree stumps (outside of school hours)
- Removal of soil to prepare for piling work for new retaining wall (outside of school hours)
- Start of excavation for stormwater work (outside of school hours)

Within the construction site movement of plant and equipment will be minimised as much possible during school hours and will be restricted to areas that are currently encapsulated with mulch. Continual air monitoring will be in place during the works.

#### Managing contaminated soils – Weekend work

Works causing disturbance to contaminated material including stump removal, excavation and piling work will take place during August over four consecutive weekends including:

- Saturday 8 August 2020 and Sunday 15 August 2020
- Saturday 15 August 2020 and Sunday 16 August 2020
- Saturday 22 August 2020 and Sunday 23 August 2020
- Saturday 29 August 2020 and Sunday 30 August 2020

The work will be done 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.

The carting of material off site will be done over weekends and during school holidays as required. At times, the material will also need to be temporarily stockpiled within the construction site and encapsulated with plastic sheeting bound down by weights. No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours.

An independent hygienist will be on site during any remediation activities including excavation of material. The hygienist will perform daily airborne fibre monitoring and inspections of the work.

Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated and clearance certificates issued by the independent hygienist.

## 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.

## 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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