

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

25 September 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 look ahead of work to take place over the school holidays and confirm the upcoming weekend works.

Playground upgrade – school holiday work

Between **Monday 28 September 2020 and Sunday 11 October 2020** work will include:

- Stormwater improvement works including installing new pits and pipes
- Building the new retaining wall including pouring concrete
- Removal of contaminated soil (including the stockpile) and importing of clean fill
- Drainage works
- Removal of the demountable at the northern end of the playground **on Monday 28 September 2020.**

Works are progressing well with approximately 80% of the site now encapsulated with a geo-fabric layer and new clean fill.

Managing contaminated soils

Weekend work causing disturbance to contaminated material will continue to take place during the upgrade of the playground. The hours of work for the next three weekends will be Saturday and Sunday between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

This coming weekend work will be carried out to complete the remediation of existing garden beds around the school and improve the stormwater services. The remediation of the existing garden beds around the school will require **a temporary closure of the adjacent footpaths on Brown Street and Tyrrell Street** to enable an exclusion zone to be established around the work area.

Air monitors will continue to be in place during the work. Remediation 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 removalist and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Refurbishment of block A (heritage building)

Work is now underway on the additional refurbishment to block A. During the upcoming holidays, the contractor will continue internal painting, installing new carpets, carpentry and electrical work.

The three classrooms facing Brown Street and the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) room will be operational for Day 1 Term 4. Students and teachers who were occupying the two classrooms on the Tyrell Street side of the heritage building will be relocated to the newly refurbished rooms. This will enable the final refurbishment works in the two Tyrell Street classrooms to be completed during Term 4, along with the computer room.

The students and teacher who have occupied the demountable being removed during the holidays will also be relocated to the newly refurbished rooms for Day 1 Term 4. Further information of the student and staff movements will be provided by the school.

Access to the school during weekend works

It is Department of Education Policy that only essential personnel are onsite during any remediation works. We remind the community that no access to the school is permitted during the weekend remediation work. This includes the new basketball court.

Hours of work

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.

Works will typically take place from 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and from 8:00am to 5:00pm Saturdays and Sundays, unless otherwise notified. There is no work planned for the upcoming public holiday.

Keeping you updated

The health, safety and wellbeing 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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