

# Newcastle High School Redevelopment

Works notification | 4 April 2024

The redevelopment of Newcastle High School will cater for the growing population in the region by delivering: 37 new permanent learning spaces; 5 new support learning spaces; and a new library, multipurpose hall, canteen and science laboratories.

The project is a State Significant Development (SSD-41814831), approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) on 12 January 2024.

## Feedback on managing construction impacts

DPHI has issued conditions of consent for the project which require a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan (CNVMSP) to be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert. The CNVMSP needs to include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing high noise generating works.

There are noise mitigation strategies that are already planned as part of the construction works, such as:

- maximising the distance between construction noise sources and nearby residences
- compliance with the 'Construction Hours' included in the State Significant Development application consent conditions to minimise noise and vibration impacts of the development
- reducing the line-of-site noise transmission to residences or other sensitive receivers through the construction of barriers
- constructing barriers such as walls that are part of the redevelopment works earlier than required
- installing purpose-built noise barriers, shielding and enclosures where practical to minimise noise from the site.

## Work hours

Under the conditions of approval, all work, including building/demolition and excavation work, and activities in the vicinity of the site generating noise, must only be carried out between 7 am and 6 pm, Mondays to Fridays inclusive and between 8 am and 1 pm, Saturdays. No work may be carried out on Sundays or public holidays.

Provided noise levels do not exceed the existing background noise level plus 5 decibels, works may also be undertaken between 6 pm and 7 pm, Mondays to Fridays and between 1 pm and 4 pm, Saturdays.

If you would like to provide any feedback on these measures or contribute any recommendations, that you feel would be beneficial and feasible for the project to implement, please contact School Infrastructure NSW by emailing [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or calling 1300 482 651 by Thursday 11 April 2024.



## Hazardous material removal to start 11 April 2024

During site investigations for the redevelopment project at Newcastle High School, asbestos containing material (ACM) was found in the existing school buildings that are designated for demolition.

The buildings are within the construction zone and are inaccessible to students, staff and members of the public.

To prepare for the start of demolition, we will undertake work to safely remove the ACM from buildings. The work will begin on 11 April 2024 and is expected to take about 10 days to complete.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the site specific Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The buildings will be inspected to confirm they have been fully remediated and the construction contractor will receive a clearance certificate, following remediation before demolition starts.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.


## Demolition works to start mid-April 2024

Demolition of Building B and part of the existing sports courts are expected to start in mid-April 2024 to coincide with school holidays. These works are expected to take 3 weeks, weather and site conditions pending. This is the first of 3 demolition phases for this project to be staged across 2024 and 2025 and will take place in south-western part of school site.

Vehicles will enter the site from Smith Street and National Park Street. Traffic controllers will be used where required for the safety of students, staff and the local community. Please follow the directions of any temporary signage and traffic controllers when in place. Large vehicle movements will be scheduled outside of peak school drop off and pick up times, where feasible.

The map overleaf indicates truck movements during demolition.

All work will take place within the school grounds and will be coordinated with the school to avoid any impact on student learning.



For a Translation and Interpreting Service call 131 450 and ask them to call the Department of Education - School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651.



### Location of truck movements



If you have any questions about the redevelopment of Newcastle High School please contact us during business hours via the details below.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important project for the Newcastle community.

