

Picton High School

Works notification

11 August 2021

Dear resident,

As we continue works to finish the upgrade of Picton High School, we will be undertaking further asbestos remediation work on the site.

On 7 August 2021, work was undertaken to remediate an area of the school oval after asbestos containing material was found. Since then, additional asbestos containing material has been found within the construction site on the oval. As with previous finds on the site, the material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Safety measures and monitoring have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off and will remain out of bounds until remediation is completed.

Remediation work for this new find will take place on Thursday 12 August 2021 between 7 am and 8 am, dependent on weather.

Ground works on the oval are expected to continue until 1 September 2021 and it is anticipated we may find more asbestos containing material beneath the soil. Any finds will be remediated 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 contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Remediation works will take place outside of school hours and within permitted construction hours.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

New construction hours

The NSW Government recently passed legislation to allow construction hours to be extended outside of those specified in the development consent conditions. The Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development—Construction Work Days) Order (No 3) 2021 was introduced to protect the health, safety and welfare of construction workers and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new construction hours are 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Sunday, including public holidays. Work completed on a Sunday and a public holiday is restricted to certain activities to minimise noise and impact to the community.

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

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these important works.

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