

Sydney Olympic Park new high school

Enabling works notification

12 November 2021

A new high school is being developed to cater for the growing population in the Sydney Olympic Park, Concord West and Wentworth Point communities. The site is part of 7-11 Burroway Road, Wentworth Point.

Construction on the new school is expected to start in mid 2022. Before construction starts, investigations and associated works are needed to plan for and carry out future works on the site.

Site investigations start from 15 November 2021

The State Significant Development (SSD) application for the new high school included a Remediation Action Plan. The plan summarised the historical remediation investigations and actions, and set out further investigations needed to determine the specific actions needed to remediate the site.

The investigation involves removing an existing concrete slab to test above and below ground. Due to the age of the concrete, it is anticipated it will contain bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. Based on previous use of the site and investigations, it is also anticipated that storage tanks may be found below ground.

Safety measures and monitoring will be in place to ensure there is no risk to the local community. A licensed hygienist will closely monitor the work at all times to maintain the safety of our workers and the community. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited remediation contractors and monitored by hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

From 15 November 2021, the following activities will take place above and below ground:

- Installing site sheds, dust and sediment controls, and air monitors.
- Removing the existing low height brick wall and concrete slab to access and investigate below ground.
- Testing the concrete slab and soils below slab for asbestos.
- Uncovering and testing an underground storage tank.
- Delivering and laying clean soil over the investigation area until the main construction and remediation works can start.

All works and site investigations are expected to be completed by late December 2021, weather permitting.

The safety of students, staff and the local community is our highest priority. The works have been planned in consultation with Wentworth Point Public School so there is minimal impact on school operations. We will continue to work with the school and the local community to minimise these disruptions.

Working hours

Working hours are from 7 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday. There will be no works taking place Saturdays or Sundays. Noisy works such as the use of jack hammers will take place intermittently between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

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Managing the impacts of our work

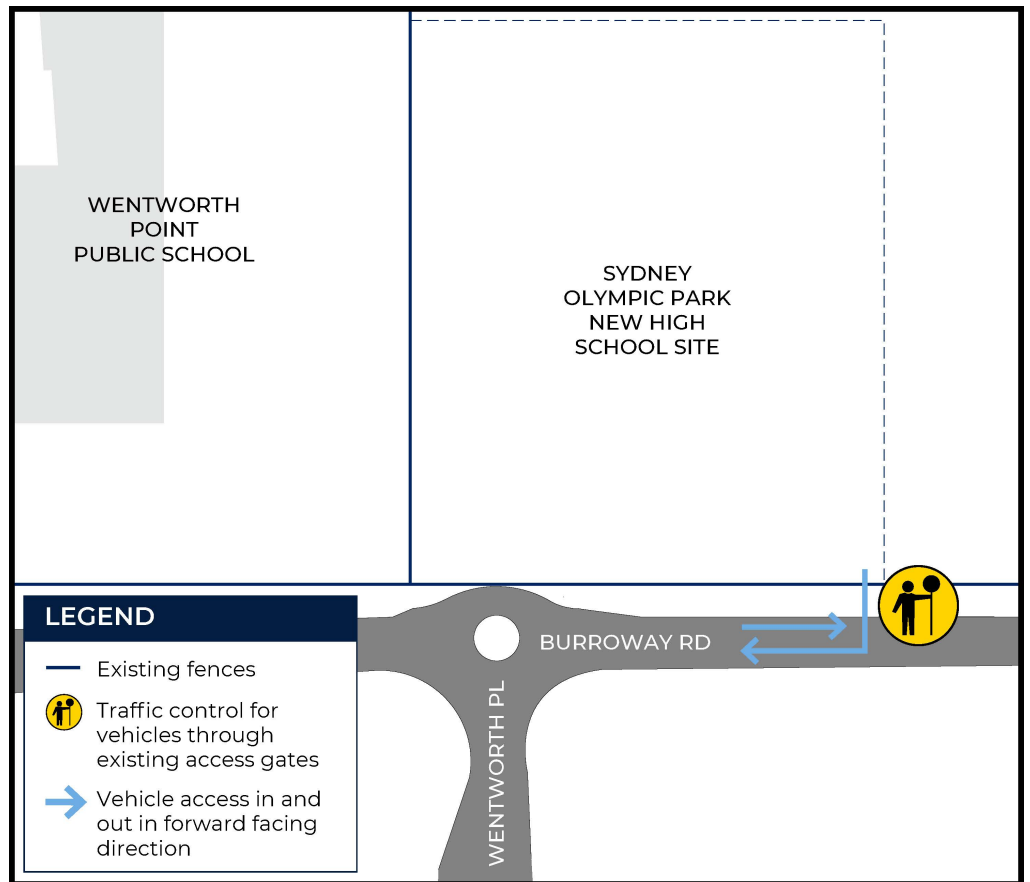
Traffic management

The site will be accessed through the existing driveway and gate on Burroway Road, to the east of the proposed high school site. Traffic control will be in place to supervise vehicle movements through the gate.

Dust and noise

Methods to control the spread of dust will be used for the duration of the works, and air monitors will be installed along the site perimeter providing continuous monitoring with periodic readings and alerts. A shade cloth dust barrier will be installed on the boundary adjoining Wentworth Point Public School.

Noisy works are expected to last one week and will be conducted in blocks of time to minimise disruption to Wentworth Point Public School and local residents.



Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels will be managed in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Noise will be kept to a minimum as best possible during the construction, and dust as a result of the works will be hosed as required.

Asbestos management plan

It is likely asbestos containing materials will be uncovered during the investigations. An asbestos management plan is in place to ensure there is no risk to neighbouring students, staff or local community.

In the event that asbestos containing material is identified, the contractor will undertake the below precautions to ensure the safety of the school, the community and the workers onsite:

- The works will be performed by licenced asbestos removal contractor and supervised by an accredited hygienist.
- An exclusion zone will be established and all workers entering the exclusion zone will be wearing the required personal protective equipment (PPE), as specified by the relevant regulations.
- In the instance the air-monitors detect potentially harmful material levels all works will stop. An investigation will take place and clearance will be obtained before work resumes.

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- Workers and equipment will undergo a decontamination procedure prior to exiting the site.
- Once the area has been certified as clear of asbestos containing materials by a qualified hygienist, clearance certificates will be provided in order to track the work conducted.

All material will be dealt with in accordance with the Asbestos Management Plan protocol listed above.

Odours from the soil and underground storage tanks

It is expected that the removal of the concrete slab will cause some odours due to decaying organic matter in the soil. It is also possible there will be odours from the underground storage tanks during the investigation.

The odours will immediately dissipate into the atmosphere and do not pose a health or safety risk to the neighbours or the school. Ground gas monitoring will be in place as an added precaution.

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