

Tweed Heads South Public School

Works notification | 24 November 2023

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, Tweed Heads South Public School is being upgraded to provide new permanent learning spaces and core facilities.

Our contractors are currently preparing for the removal of Block D to make way for ongoing construction and landscaping. Over the coming weeks the following works will take place at the site.

Hazardous materials removal

The hazardous materials register for the school indicates the presence of asbestos containing material (ACM), synthetic material fibres (SMF) from insulation, and lead paint in Block D. The asbestos is non-friable, bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled under light pressure.

Work to remove these materials will take place outside of school hours starting **4 December 2023** and is expected to be complete by **22 December 2023**.

The work area will be cordoned off and inaccessible to students and staff. The Tweed Heads South Public School car park will also be closed during this time and traffic management will be in place as required.

Affected areas will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

- Removal of ACM will be undertaken by licenced asbestos contractors in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.
- Materials where SMF is present will be wet sprayed, then wrapped and sealed before removal.
- Lead paint will be stripped in a contained environment.
- All hazardous materials will be disposed of in a licenced hazardous waste management facility.
- Safety measures including air monitoring will be in place for the duration of the works.

Once removal is complete, further testing will be carried out to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate for all hazardous waste materials before the area is reopened for demolition.

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 understanding while we undertake this important work.

