

Wardell Public School

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Wardell Public School flood recovery

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities. As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Wardell Public School.

Asbestos removal

Asbestos containing material (ACM) is present in the ceilings and eaves of the old school buildings that are planned to be demolished to allow for the rebuilding. 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.

Work to remove the material will start on Friday 8 December 2023 and is expected to be completed by Thursday 14 2023.

Working hours will be between 7 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1pm on Saturdays.

The area to be remediated is within the securely fenced construction site and not accessible to students, staff or visitors. The occupational hygienists have confirmed work is safe to take place during normal construction hours and have provided a Remediation Action Plan to guide safe working.

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 including SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Exclusion zones will be established around remediation work and safety measures including air monitoring, dust suppression, and decontamination of people, plant and equipment, will be in place to ensure all safety standards are met.

Following the work, the area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued.

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.

Further information

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

