

Avoca Beach Public School

Works notification | 15 October 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

Welcome back to school for Term 4 2026.

Administration building fire – holiday works update

Following our [end of Term 3 notification](#), we would like to provide you with an update on our recent activities in response to the administration building fire at Avoca Beach Public School.

During the school holidays we conducted a thorough clean, installed new furniture and completed the following repairs:

- all electrical work
- carpet and vinyl flooring
- the school security system
- all internal repainting.

We procured new wall lining material and arranged replacement Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment.

We are pleased to advise that the hygienist has inspected the building and provided clearance for normal office activities to resume.

Over the course of Week 1 Term 4 we will be moving office activities out of the staffroom in Building C and back into the administration building. Please be patient with staff during this transition and follow the directions of signage onsite.

Replacement ICT equipment will be installed during this time and the new wall lining will be installed later in the term.

All remaining activities will be coordinated with the school to minimise disruption. This may involve staggering the repair work start and finish to avoid peak times or completing work outside of school hours.

These works will be done entirely within the school boundary and are not expected to be noisy or disruptive to our neighbours.

Tree removal near The Round Drive

The NSW Department of Education manages trees on school sites in accordance with local council regulations, our departmental guidelines and advice from qualified arborists. We regularly arrange for qualified arborists to conduct tree inspections on school sites as part of our commitment to the health and safety of our school community and neighbours.

During a recent inspection, the arborist's report identified 2 large blackbutt trees with deteriorating root systems and termites near the basketball court COLA. The report recommended removing both trees in order to prevent any safety risks.

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We have scheduled this tree removal for this Saturday 17 October and may need to continue the following weekend on Saturday 24 October, depending on weather and site conditions.

This work involves the use of a crane to safely remove the trees. There may be some noise and traffic interruptions at this time, including temporary lane closures on The Round Drive where the crane will be parked. Traffic controllers will be present to manage the flow of traffic. Please follow their directions and allow extra time to commute on these dates.

We appreciate these trees mean a great deal to the community but the arborist's advice means the department has no alternative but to act. Our duty of care to our students, staff and neighbours means responding to safety concerns when they're identified.

We will plant new replacement trees as part of our ongoing commitment to the area and will continue to monitor the space to support the local environment as it recovers and renews.

More information

If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below during business hours.

We would like to thank the school community and our neighbours for your support and flexibility during these important works.