

Crabbes Creek Public School

Works notification – 25 May 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are writing to update you on recent assessments related to trees at Crabbes Creek Public School. The NSW Department of Education manages trees on school sites in accordance with local council regulations, our departmental guidelines and advice from qualified arborists.

Under these guidelines, we are only permitted to undertake tree works as determined by the recommendations from an independent AQF5-qualified arborist provided in a Tree Risk Assessment (TRA).

The TRA completed on Thursday 9 April 2026 identified a large Blue Quandong tree, located near the creek, as damaged and decayed. The TRA recommended potential removal pending further investigations. While these investigations were ongoing, temporary fencing was installed around the tree.

A second and different arborist provided an additional report on Tuesday 19 May 2026 and determined the tree poses a genuine safety risk to students, staff and families and, unfortunately, must be removed.

We understand this is disappointing news. This tree has been part of the school landscape for many years. We recognise the loss this represents for the school community however our duty of care to our students and staff means responding to safety concerns when they are identified.

Work to remove the tree will start on Saturday 30 May to ensure it can be completed without disrupting school operations. Weather permitting, the work will be finished the same day.

Once the tree is removed, we will work with the community on replanting and caring for the creek area as it recovers and renews.

We will continue to review and maintain the trees at Crabbes Creek Public School annually. If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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