

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification – 17 October 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

The maintenance and project work regarding the installation of a new flagpole at Newcastle East Public School that we notified about in September needed to be rescheduled. Work will now take place on Saturday 1 November. All work will take place on the weekend when no one is at the school.

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Notification issued September 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

School holidays are the ideal time to undertake maintenance and project work across the state without disrupting learning.

Planned work over the upcoming holidays

We will be working at your school during the spring holidays – from the end of the school day on **Friday 26 September 2025 up to Day 1 Term 4 Tuesday 14 October 2025**.

We will be removing a flagpole and installing a new one in front of the Building A garden near the front gate and Brown Street.

This work will disturb the soil in this garden, which is known to contain bonded asbestos, as identified in the school's site-specific asbestos management plan.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

Hours of work are between 7 am and 5 pm from 7 to 11 October 2025, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures, including air monitoring and fencing barriers, will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

When the flagpole replacement is finished, all 3 flags will sit at the same height on the new pole.

The Out of School Hours (OOSH) vacation care is in another area of the school and will operate as usual.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.



Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.