

St Marys Public School

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Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

Welcome back to Term 4.

On Sunday 20 September 2026, a fire damaged Building F at St Marys Public School. Since then, the school, the NSW Department of Education and specialist contractors have worked hard to make the school safe for students and staff.

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding the damaged facilities for both the school and public preschool.

This update explains what has been done since, what is happening this week and what comes next.

What was done during the holidays

Following appropriate health and safety checks, the school reopened on Wednesday 23 September 2026, 3 days after the fire.

Fencing was put up around Building F straight away. 2 temporary classrooms arrived on Friday 25 September 2026 and have been connected to power and water.

During the holidays, while students and staff were away, contractors removed the roof and the interior of Building F. The outside walls were not damaged by the fire, so they have been left in place for now.

Keeping the area safe

In our last update, we told you that Building F contained bonded asbestos in the roof as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan. Here is what has happened since:

- An independent hygienist inspected the building in Week 10 of Term 3 and found no active risk from hazardous materials.
- The air was tested each school day after the fire. Every result was below the lowest level the test can measure.
- During the holidays, licensed contractors safely removed all identified asbestos-containing materials from Building F.
- The same independent hygienist has inspected the area and confirmed the asbestos removal is complete.

This week

This week, contractors will finish the last stage of the clean-up around Building F. The area will stay fenced, and students and staff will not be able to enter it.



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Our preschool

Our preschool facility will stay closed until the building can be rebuilt. We know this is hard news for our preschool families. During this time, all preschool children have been offered places at an alternate site at Emerton Public School.

What comes next

The department is planning to rebuild the classrooms in Building F. We will share more details, including timing, as soon as they are confirmed.

Thank you

Thank you to our staff, who kept learning going through a very hard week. Thank you to the team and contractors who worked through the holidays so students could come back to a safe school. And thank you to our families for your patience and support.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education.