

Smithtown Public School

Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Summer School Holidays, strong winds caused a large jacaranda tree to fall on the library and storage shed at Smithtown Public School.

We engaged an arborist to remove the tree as well as contractors to assess and repair any damage.

Due to the extent of the damage the storage shed will be demolished, after which repairs to the library will take place.

The affected area has been fenced off and made inaccessible to staff and students with temporary construction fencing.

Removal of hazardous material

The external eave sheet on the western side of the library was visibly damaged. This eave sheet is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

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".

There was no internal damage or damage to the integrity of the building.

Specialist contractors will remove the eave sheet and replace it with non-hazardous material. Fencing will remain in place until works are finished.

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 will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

When the asbestos is removed, an independent hygienist will issue a clearance certificate and the remaining works will continue.

When all works are completed, the area will be reopened for use.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

