## Waniora Public School Works notification | 12 June 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We will be upgrading the gate A driveway and carpark near Building B at Waniora Public School. This work will include the removal of 5 trees, demolition of existing concrete and pouring of a new concrete driveway and carpark.

Work will start from Monday 30 June 2025 and is expected to be finished by Thursday 7 August 2025, weather and other conditions permitting.

## What to expect

The carpark construction site will be fenced off from 30 June 2025. This area is highlighted in yellow in the location map provided below.



During the works, there may be some construction noise as there will be heavy machinery, including cranes, concrete trucks, and steel delivery vehicles accessing the school. As such, some noise and disruption can be expected throughout the construction period.

During this time there will be an increase in truck and contractor vehicle movements in nearby streets. All construction vehicles will access the construction site via Gate A on Ursula Road.

There will be no changes to student drop off zones and staff car parking in the carpark nearest to Bulli High School will not be affected.

Contractors will have noise and dust mitigation measures in place and will monitor levels throughout the construction period. Noisy works will be conducted outside of school hours as much as possible to minimise any disruption to the school and surrounding community.





## Tree removal

As part of planning for this project, we engaged an independent arborist to assess trees at Waniora Public School. Of the 5 trees identified for removal, the arborist indicated that 3 trees, while currently healthy, have root systems beneath the existing carpark that would be damaged by the proposed works and pose a safety risk if retained. Consequently, the arborist recommended the removal of these 3 trees. The remaining 2 trees are classified as exempt species, allowing for their removal without the need for council approval.

Additionally, the removal of all 5 trees is also permitted without council approval under the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) due to the damage the roots are causing to the current carpark, and risk to human safety from trip hazards caused by roots lifting and cracking the concrete.

All 5 trees will be removed by an independent arborist as part of the works.

We will be planting replacement trees in other areas of the school.

## Work hours

In accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act)* and Wollongong City Council guidelines, construction works will take place **Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm with no work permitted on Sundays or public holidays**.



Scan QR code to visit construction impacts webpage

For more information on how construction will be managed, please scan the QR code or visit the School Infrastructure website: <u>Managing construction impacts</u> in your community.

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.