

Tacking Point Public School

Works notification | 13 January 2026

Dear Tacking Point Public School community,

This update refers to the recent assessments related to trees at Tacking Point 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, the department is only permitted to undertake tree works as determined by the recommendations from the AQF5-qualified arborist provided in a Tree Risk Assessment (TRA), completed annually at our schools.

The TRA completed in September 2025 identified a number of trees at Tacking Point Public School in poor form with significant deadwood. With no pruning options available to mitigate the risk, the arborist determined the following trees pose a genuine safety risk to students, staff and families and must be removed.

We appreciate these trees mean a great deal to the community, but the arborist's advice means the department has no alternative but to act. Our duty of care to our students, staff and neighbours means responding to safety concerns when they're identified.

Upcoming trees removal works – starting Wednesday 21 January 2026

Please note this tree maintenance is separate from the preschool project

Removal of 4 trees will take place from Wednesday 21 January to Thursday 22 January 2026, between 7 am and 5 pm, weather permitting. Please see below the map for the location of the trees affected.

- The trees highlighted in blue will be removed in January and works will be completed before staff and students return for Day 1 Term 1 2026.
- The trees highlighted in pink are located within the footprint of the new public preschool car park and will be removed after the preschool construction is complete. These trees will be fenced off to ensure the safety of the school community, and the area will be inaccessible to students, staff and the wider school community for the duration of the preschool construction.
- Works will be noisy, with chainsaws, grinders and blowers in use.

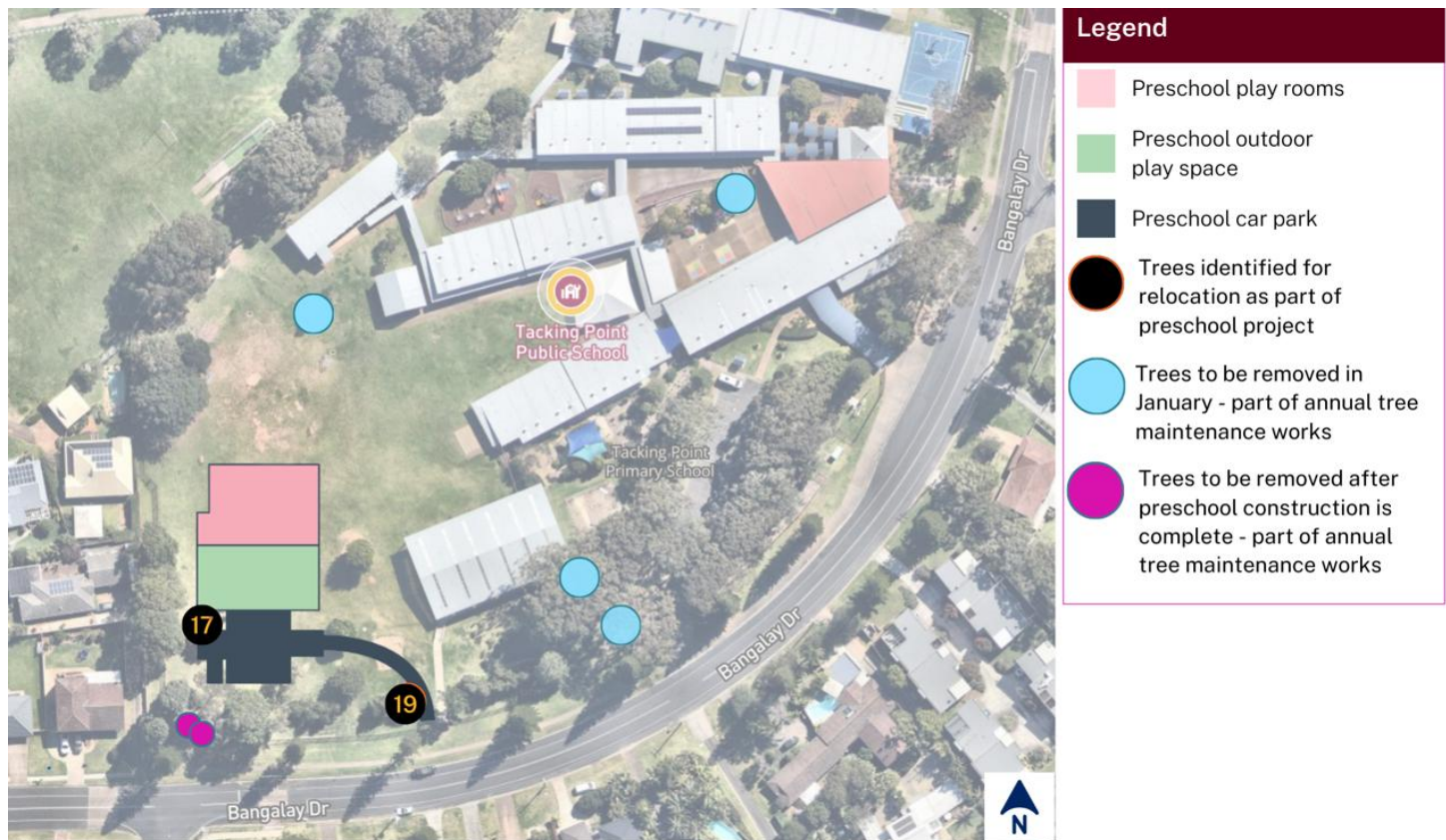
We will be planting new replacement trees as part of our ongoing commitment to the area, and we'll continue to monitor the space to support the local environment as it recovers and renews.

The department will continue to review and maintain the trees at Tacking Point Public School annually.

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



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Progress update for the new public preschool

Site establishment for the new public preschool at Tacking Point is now complete. We have set up site sheds and worker amenities.

The following works will be carried out in the next few weeks:

- Services installation is ongoing.
- Relocation of tree number 17 in January. For details on additional measures implemented to protect trees as part of the preschool project, please refer to the project update issued in December 2025.
- Bulk excavation work for the dedicated preschool car park and driveway.