

Tacking Point Public School

Works notification | 22 December 2022

Dear neighbour,

Work to install new perimeter fencing scheduled for summer school holidays

Work to install new perimeter fencing and pedestrian and vehicle gates at several entry points will take place over the summer school holidays at Tacking Point Public School. This project will further promote the safety and wellbeing of staff, students, and visitors.

Planning for this project is now underway with School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) considering design options that have minimal or no impact on surrounding mature trees. A tree removal and pruning application will be submitted to council for this project if any impact to surrounding trees is necessary. SINSW will continue to notify the community subject to the approval of this application.

Protecting our visiting native fauna population

SINSW is aware some of these trees are favoured by native fauna, including several koalas and tawny frogmouths, as a thoroughfare to access council reserves at the back of the school.

To protect the health and wellbeing of the native fauna population within this area, we've been consulting closely with Billabong Zoo Koala and Wildlife Park and local arboriculturists. Based on advice received by these experts, the scope of work will include the installation of approximately 12 tallowwood posts at several locations to act as climbing points for native animals.

Additional measures we're implementing to ensure as little disruption to visiting native fauna as possible include:

- Maintaining a large corridor along the southwestern boundary to enable koalas to move freely between Bangalay Drive and the reserve.
- Establishing new koala orchard garden beds as an alternative food source in the future.

In addition, the staff and students at Tacking Point Public School have recently planted tallowwoods and other trees and shrubs favoured by both native animal species.

We understand the ongoing importance of the preservation of the natural environment to the school and local community and will continue to work with local experts to ensure native animal populations continue to thrive.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work. Once again, we will notify the community ahead of any potential tree works taking place.

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