

Newcastle Middle School

Works notification | 25 September 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are refurbishing Building B, the block next to the administration building at Newcastle Middle School.

There is likely to be more construction vehicles using Christo Road during construction, affecting parking.

Drop-off and pick-up areas will also be affected but we will do our best to minimise disruption to families.

The works include extending the building and refurbishing 2 general learning spaces, and one space that is dedicated to students with physical impairments with toilets, showers and changing facilities.

In Term 3, we refurbished 2 demountables. Students in affected classrooms will be relocated to these demountables until works are finished.

Building B is known to contain bonded asbestos, as listed in the school's asbestos management plan. 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".

The bonded asbestos will be removed as part of the works. The asbestos removal is expected to start in Term 4 2025 and a clearance certificate will be issued before other works start. All works are most likely to finish in the summer holidays.

General construction hours are between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines. All works involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours including Saturdays and Sundays compliant with council regulations.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Safety measures including air monitoring, workers wearing personal protective equipment and temporary fencing will be in place while work is being done.

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



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