## Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School Works notification | 28 July 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the recent Winter School Holiday period, parts of Building E were demolished to provide room for a new staffroom.

During this scheduled demolition work, contractors found a piece of suspected asbestos in the external movement area near Building E.

Work was stopped and the piece was removed for testing by an independent hygienist.

Test results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

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".

Remaining bonded asbestos was removed on Monday 21 July 2025.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

## **Term 3 2025 work**

We are adding a new maths staffroom to Building E and adding a new staff residence in Building J.

During Term 3 2025 we will be enlarging the current concrete slab underneath Building E to provide support for the new staffroom.

Building E will remain accessible and in operation for learning with only a small area outside the building cordoned off.

Once the slab has finished hardening we will begin the installation of structural steel and framing, walls, external roofing, guttering and cladding.

It is expected that all work will be completed in Term 4 2025.

## Managing construction

Construction vehicles and equipment, including cranes, cement mixers and jackhammers will be used throughout this project which may cause periods of noise.





Work hours are between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with <u>NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines</u>. We will work with the school to minimise operational interruptions.

Work vehicles will enter and exit from the main entrance off Calala Lane with traffic management in place during construction. Deliveries will occur outside of pick-up and drop-off periods.

For more information on how construction will be managed, please visit the School Infrastructure website: Managing construction impacts in your community.

We will keep the community updated.



