

Goulburn High School

Project update | April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

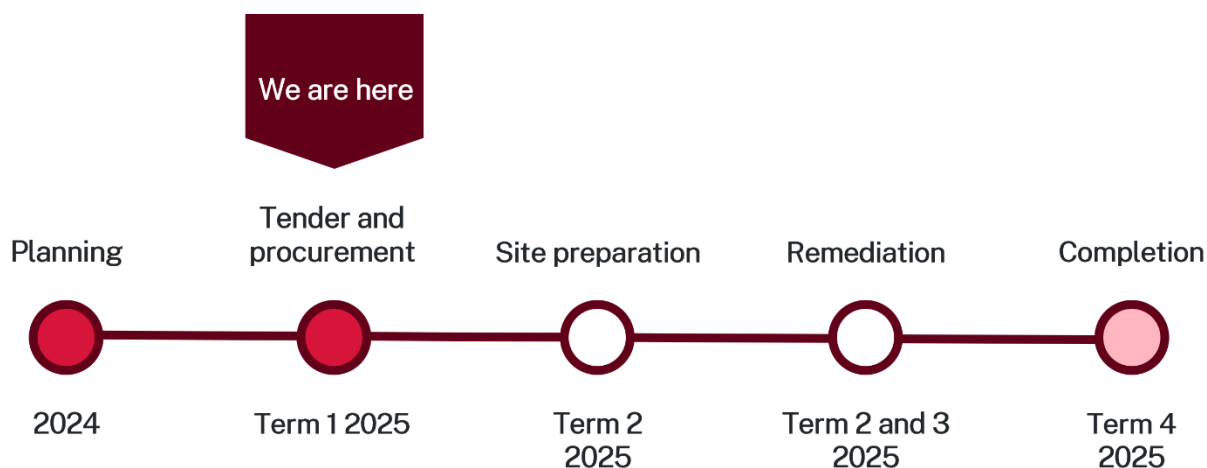
The tender process to appoint a contractor to carry out asbestos remediation work in Building C at Goulburn High School is now underway and is expected to be completed in mid-May.

Remediation will follow a scope of work prepared by an independent hygienist.

Work overview

- removal of asbestos-containing materials and encapsulation, where removal is not possible
- removal and replacement of all aluminium windows and ceilings
- painting, replacing flooring and shelving.

Timeline



Due to the scope of work that will be required, we anticipate Building C will remain inaccessible for the remainder of the school year.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the department during business hours on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au.



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Frequently asked questions

Why is the remediation project required?

Building C was made inaccessible to students and staff from June 2024, on the advice of an independent hygienist, after asbestos was detected in 2 classrooms and a storeroom as part of routine air monitoring.

As part of our asbestos management procedures SafeWork NSW was notified immediately.

Further investigation identified friable asbestos in the roof cavity.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

For more information, you can read the [NSW Health asbestos fact sheet](#).

This work is guided by a technical scope of works, which outlines the necessary actions to remediate the building and ensure regulatory requirements are met.

Are there issues with friable asbestos across the school site?

We carried out proactive inspections across all school buildings in Term 3 2024.

Friable asbestos was found in the Building M sub-floor, which is used for storage by the school's general assistant and was subsequently remediated.

Minor repair work was carried out on several ceilings and all air monitoring returned results below the national workplace exposure standard.

Bonded asbestos was also discovered in the subfloors of buildings A, B, G and M and subsequently removed.

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".

How will the asbestos in Building C be removed and by who?

The Building C asbestos removal will be carried out by licensed asbestos removal contractors and monitored by licensed independent hygienists.

How will you ensure student and staff safety while the remediation of Building C occurs?

Temporary fencing will be installed around the building to keep staff and students out of the area.

Building C is secured via large, metal gates at its entrance points and secured with padlocks. Access is only available to asbestos contractors and hygienists.

Personnel working inside the building will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times to ensure they do not track contamination outside of the building.

Air monitoring will be carried out around the building to ensure the remediation work is contained within the building. Levels will be compared with SafeWork NSW guidelines.



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Will we see additional upgrades that the school needs while this work is happening to leverage on the trades and expertise already on-site?

The work being carried out in Building C is specialised and being carried out by licensed asbestos removal contractors.

Associated works will occur to install flooring, replace furniture and paint existing learning spaces in the building to meet [Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines](#).

How will you ensure Building C is safe to occupy?

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Independent hygienists will monitor and inspect the building to ensure all areas have been remediated and the building will be reopened once a clearance certificate has been issued.

How is the school continuing to operate without access to Building C?

Students and staff are using alternate learning spaces across the school.

A science demountable building was operational on Day 1 Term 1 2025.

The demountable building has a built-in prep room and classroom to allow students to continue their HSC studies on-site.

In addition:

- A second demountable classroom was installed in early Term 1 2025, providing an additional learning space.
- Three shipping containers were delivered in late October 2024 to store resources and equipment.

I have more questions about this work, who can I contact?

More detailed information on this project's background can be found on the department's website.

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