

Kempsey High School

Works notification | 13 January 2023

Dear community,

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) has been working with an independent hygienist to remediate the main quadrangle at Kempsey High School since fragments of asbestos containing material were found in August 2022. Safety measures and monitoring have been in place and the area has remained fenced off and out of bounds for staff, students and visitors.

Further to our notification in September, the hygienist conducted further investigation and soil sampling and confirmed that while no further asbestos containing material was present on the surface, works to remove contaminated soil below surface level is required. A scope of works has been confirmed, to remove and safely dispose of contaminated soil. An area of approximately 1200m will be removed and then replaced with new top soil and seeded with grass.

Remediation works starting Tuesday 17 January 2023

Remediation works on the main quadrangle will start on Tuesday 17 January 2023 and are anticipated to be complete on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

The area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and the site-specific action plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

This work will involve approximately 20 trucks entering and leaving the school site via the Sea Street entrance over the two week period. The trucks leaving the site with contaminated material will be covered and take their loads to an authorised waste facility. Trucks with new topsoil and supplies will use the same entrance on Sea Street.

Traffic control measures, including staggered deliveries and traffic control personnel will be in place to minimise impacts to local residents. Vehicles will give way to pedestrians at all times and traffic controllers will be used when required to manage entry and exit of vehicles to and from the construction site. Trucks will load and unload within school grounds and will not idle on residential streets.

Construction work hours will be 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified.

The area will be inspected to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff. Some areas of the grass may continue to be cordoned off during the first weeks of Term 1 to allow the grass to grow.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.