

# Maitland Grossmann High School

## Works notification | 24 March 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

Thank you for your continued support and patience in relation to building works at Maitland Grossmann High School. While we understand that the closure of Building E has been challenging for the school, we are pleased that the department has continued to ensure that our students and staff have access to the full range of specialist facilities required to support them in their learning. We are continuing to work as quickly as possible, towards a solution.

### **Tender to be awarded for Building D façade and kitchen**

The tender for façade repairs and the conversion of the existing food technology classroom into a VET standard kitchen in Building D is expected to be awarded in coming days. This is an exciting initiative for our VET students, and we look forward to providing our students with these industry standard facilities to support them in their future pathways.

Construction is due to start in the Autumn school holidays. Works will involve:

- re-cladding the exterior wall of Building D facing Cumberland Street
- delivering a kitchen learning space on the ground floor that will fulfil the requirements of the full range of courses currently offered at the school.

The re-cladding of the Building D exterior will involve remediation of bonded asbestos materials and will be undertaken with the guidance of an independent hygienist.

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’.

**All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours, during the Autumn school holidays. The school will not be accessible to the public during this time.**

Work hours are between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday in accordance with NSW Environment Protection Authority construction times.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Air monitoring will be in place while works are undertaken. Other measures to ensure the safety of the school community may include hoarding, temporary fencing, enclosures, signage, locked rooms, restricted access or workers wearing personal protective equipment.

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These works are expected to be finished by Term 3, 2025.

For more information on asbestos and health risks please visit the NSW Health website.

### **Building E update**

We have investigated and reviewed remediation options for Building E, under advice from the structural engineer and the independent hygienist. The school community remains front of mind as we consider the effects on teaching and learning, and we will minimise the impact to students, staff and families as much as possible.

### **Safety clearance**

The independent hygienist is continuing to monitor Maitland Grossmann High School and is confident that teaching and learning will remain uninterrupted for all students and staff.

The school was given a clearance certificate to enable the use of all buildings within the site, except for Building E.

We are following all advice from independent experts to make sure we continue to prioritise the health and safety of our school community.

### **Next steps**

We are continuing to work with experts to understand the options for Building E, considering, first and foremost, the health and safety of the school community, as well as ensuring excellence in the delivery of educational requirements.

We will continue to communicate as soon as more information becomes available.

We appreciate the support of school staff, students and families.

Thank you for your understanding and for your ongoing support of the Maitland Grossmann High School community.