

Willoughby Girls High School

Project update | 18 September 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are writing to inform you of the progress of renovations and improvements at Willoughby Girls High School.

This update is part of regular communications with details about what we are doing, when we are doing it and how we are minimising disruption on school operations.

Term 3 update

Two cottages that were acquired by the department along Mowbray Road are undergoing refurbishments to create extra staff and student spaces which will allow for rooms within the main building to be changed back to teaching spaces.

This work and increase of space will also allow the school the ability to accept more enrolments in the future.

During Term 3, roof repairs were undertaken to the cottages and they are now finished.

On Monday 7 September 2026, during demolition work, adhesive located behind wall tiles in the cottage was suspected to contain bonded asbestos.

As a precaution, work was stopped and an independent hygienist tested the material.

Testing confirmed the material contained bonded asbestos. This location is not in an area identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

On Saturday 12 September 2026, the material was removed by licensed asbestos contractors with safety measures in place. The hygienist has since given clearance for the area to reopen. Work was conducted in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Upcoming school holiday works

The internal refurbishment of the cottages will continue during the spring school holidays and we expect them to be finished by the end of Term 4 2026.

We will also begin integration work within the heritage building (Building A) to create further breakout spaces for students.

The project is expected to be complete by early 2027, subject to contract finalisation, weather and site conditions.

Managing construction impacts

The school will continue to play a central role in making decisions throughout the process and will continue to guide each step moving forward. All work will be carried out in consultation with school leadership to ensure there is no disturbance to students sitting their HSC exams.



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During the project there will be construction noise due to the use of heavy machinery. Some noise and traffic disruption may be experienced in the vicinity of the school and neighbouring properties. For more information about how we manage construction impacts, please visit our [webpage](#) or scan the QR code.

**Working hours**

All site works will be undertaken in accordance with departmental and school operating constraints and procedures. Working hours will be confirmed once the contract is awarded and will be communicated before works begin. All works will be undertaken in accordance with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

Keeping you informed

We will keep you updated throughout this project.

If you have questions about this work, please contact us on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation while we deliver this important project for the Toormina High School community.