

South Grafton High School

School holiday works notification – Spring | 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are delighted to inform you that South Grafton High School is receiving these refurbishments:

- major canteen upgrade
- a brand new building for the Aboriginal boys Clontarf program.

School holidays are the ideal time to undertake maintenance and project work across the state without disrupting learning.

Planned work over the upcoming holidays

We will be working at your school from the end of the school day on **Friday 26 September 2025 up to Day 1 Term 4 Tuesday 14 October 2025**.

To prepare for the canteen work, we will be removing ceiling sheeting and vinyl floor tiles which contain bonded asbestos, as listed in the school's asbestos register.

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".

During the asbestos removal work there will be air monitoring, hoarding and a barrier fence around the canteen area.

Work hours are between 7 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist.

Work happening in Term 4

In Term 4, we will be continuing construction of the Clontarf program building. For this project there is a construction site and compound with security fencing, hoarding, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment.

School operations and construction information

For information on how construction will be managed, visit the School Infrastructure website: [Managing construction impacts in your community](#).



About the canteen upgrade

The canteen is receiving an extensive upgrade that will comply with the relevant standards and codes, and provide the school community with:

- new stainless steel benches, cupboards, sinks and cabinetry
- metal roller shutter and servery window
- custom made point of sale counters (2)
- stainless steel splashbacks
- new commercial rangehood
- new bain marie and heating cabinets
- electrical upgrade
- new wall linings and selected areas of ceiling.

There will be a temporary portable canteen for the duration of the project.

The canteen upgrade is expected to finish around late October, weather and other conditions permitting.

About the Aboriginal boys Clontarf program building

Clontarf is a mentoring program where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys are given opportunities under 5 major pillars; education, sport, leadership, wellbeing, and employment.

These pillars work together to improve participants' self-esteem, discipline, life skills, and overall prospects by providing a welcoming environment to attract boys to school and a supportive pathway to success in their education, careers, and community.

To accommodate this program, a whole new building is being built. It will be a replica of the Aboriginal girls Stars program which is located next to it.

Construction on this building is expected to continue through to the end of the year.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.