

Orara High School

Works notification | 3 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are writing to let you know about upcoming electrical infrastructure works at Orara High School. This work is being carried out to increase the school's electrical capacity in preparation for future air conditioning installation.

Background

The department's independent electrical design consultant has completed a comprehensive audit of the school's electrical infrastructure. The assessment confirmed that an upgrade to the external electricity supply from the energy provider, Essential Energy, is not required, and that the electrical capacity needed for air conditioning can be achieved through works within the school.

What works are planned

To achieve the required electrical capacity, work will be done to:

- upgrade selected distribution boards
- remove identified redundant electrical appliances.

These works relate to electrical infrastructure only and do not include the installation of air conditioning units.

When will works take place

Works are scheduled to begin at the end of Term 1, 2026. All work will be carried out outside school hours and will continue through the school holiday period. The aim is to complete works before Term 2, 2026 starts however this is subject to contractor availability, weather and site conditions. Should works extend into the commencement of Term 2, temporary generators will be installed to ensure school operations continue without disruption.

Next steps

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

Our school has a plan in place for days when the weather is warmer such as using shaded areas of the school as learning spaces and utilising the fans and ventilation systems which take a large amount of hot air out of our learning spaces. We will continue to keep staff, parents and carers informed as works progress and further updates become available.

If you have any questions about these works, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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