

Fort Street High School

Works notification | 17 September 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours

We wish to advise about upcoming work to remediate inground asbestos in the area between the sports field and Andreas Street at Fort Street High School. The soil in this area contains bonded asbestos, as listed on 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".

This project involves carefully removing some trees and digging out soil that contains pieces of bonded asbestos. Tree removal is planned to take place from **22 September 2025** and is expected to take one week to complete.

The trees are being removed due to their short life expectancy. All tree works will be carried out under the advice and supervision of a qualified arborist and in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations.

The soil removal works will begin once the trees are removed, during the spring school holidays, from after school hours on **Friday 26 September until Sunday 12 October 2025**. Landscaping works to reinstate the turf and the outdoor gym equipment are expected to be finished in late November 2025. A summary of the works schedule includes:

- temporarily removing the outdoor gym
- excavating and disposing of soil containing bonded asbestos fragments
- applying a protective layer of geo-fabric over the remaining soil
- applying a fresh layer of turf over the top
- reinstating the outdoor gym in the same location.

Construction vehicles will access the site from Andreas Street. Work hours will be **7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday** and **8 am to 1 pm on Saturday**, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

Safety measures, including fencing, air monitoring, signage and workers wearing protective equipment, will be in place at all times.

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 contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our school community and neighbours are our highest priorities. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding while we carry out this important work



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