

Toormina High School

Works notification | 9 March 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are writing to inform you that the roof replacement project at Toormina High School will start in the coming months.

This is the beginning of regular communication to provide more details about what we are doing, when we are doing it and how we are minimising disruption on school operations. The health and safety of students and staff is the priority underpinning every aspect of this project.

About the project

In 2021, Toormina High School sustained damage to buildings during a significant hailstorm. Following the completion of insurance assessment and planning, we are now ready to proceed with the full roof replacement and reinstatement. We acknowledge the time this has taken, and we thank the school community for their patience.

The project will include:

- replacement of roofs across all buildings
- full interior reinstatement of each building, including new ceilings, carpet, lighting, and replacement of affected joinery.

As a separate workstream, we will also install new stormwater infrastructure throughout the school.

Removal of asbestos-containing materials

Toormina High School was built in 1981, when asbestos-containing materials (ACM) were commonly used in construction. Like many buildings across NSW built before 1990, the school has asbestos in various locations including the ceiling cavities.

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". Our investigations show the ACM in the ceiling cavities are bonded, undisturbed and in good condition.

You can view the [School Asbestos Management Plan for Toormina High School](#), including a detailed register of all identified asbestos-containing materials at the school. For information about how the NSW Department of Education manages asbestos across all schools, you can also review our overarching [Asbestos Management Plan](#).

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place overnight or outside of school hours. 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 including air monitoring will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists before being reopened for construction or school activities.



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Demountable classrooms

To make sure school operations continue uninterrupted throughout the project, more than 20 demountable classrooms will be installed alongside the western and southern sides of the school oval, beginning from late March 2026. Installing them ahead of construction allows time for setup and ensures the school is ready to move as soon as works begin in each building.

Temporary construction fencing has been installed around the oval in preparation for the delivery of the demountables. All activities usually held on the school oval will be moved to the oval at Toormina Public School.

The demountables are modern teaching spaces and will include:

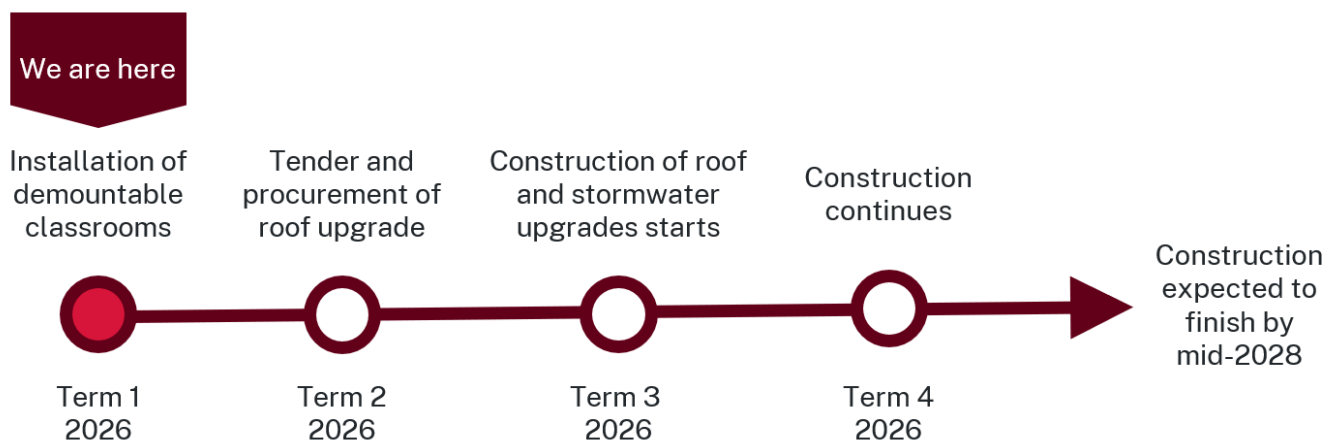
- standard classrooms
- specialist spaces for practical teaching and learning including subjects such as woodwork, food technology and Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
- toilet facilities.

When construction is due to begin in a building, staff and students in that area will relocate to demountables and return once the building has been completed and independently cleared.

Further detail on the sequence of works and which buildings will be affected and when will be provided before work starts.

The needs of Higher School Certificate (HSC) students have been a key factor in planning the demountable spaces, including ensuring specialist facilities reflect what students need to learn and prepare for their exams. Further detail on the construction sequence and how it accounts for HSC students will be provided once the contract is awarded.

Project timeline



The project is expected to be complete by mid 2028, subject to contract finalisation, weather and site conditions. A further update will be provided once the contract is awarded and a confirmed timeline is available.

Stormwater upgrades

At the same time as the roof replacement, new stormwater infrastructure will be installed across the campus. This work will run alongside the main roof replacement project. The new system will address localised flooding of the oval and improve drainage across on the school site.

Managing construction impacts

The school will 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.

During the work, including provisioning such as plumbing and electrical works for the demountable installations, 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 are committed to keeping you updated throughout this project. We will write to you again when the construction contract has been awarded and we are able to confirm a more precise timeline. We will also notify you before work is due to begin and at key milestones as the project progresses.

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.