

South Sydney High School

School holiday works notification | Spring 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

The school holidays are the ideal time to complete maintenance and project work across the state without disrupting learning.

Planned work over the upcoming holidays

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

Asbestos removal

We are continuing to manage in-ground bonded asbestos at South Sydney High School in line with the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

Remediation work is planned for the upcoming holidays to address known asbestos at various outdoor locations throughout school. First stages of this remediation work include the excavation and disposal of soil containing known bonded asbestos fragments.

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".

Temporary fencing will remain in place during the holiday period to isolate the work zones while excavation work is underway. Once the soil is removed, a clearance certificate will be issued for landscaping works to continue. This outdoor work will not affect school operations in Term 4 2025.

Next steps for remediation

After the soil has been removed a layer of geo-fabric and fresh soil will be applied to secure the ground. Landscaping works will then start to return the grounds back to school use.

Final landscaping works will be completed under normal construction conditions during Term 4 2025 and over the summer holidays. This work will include installing natural turf to various outdoor areas across the school site.

Several small areas of the playground will remain fenced off during Term 4 until all landscaping has been finished and the turf has had time to establish.

All outdoor areas are due to be finished and reopened by Day 1 Term 1 2026.

Working hours

Excavation of soil will take place between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday and 7.30 am and 2 pm on Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.



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Safety measures including fencing, air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment will be in place during this work. 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.

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.