

# Georges River College Penshurst Girls Campus

## Works notification | 9 December 2024

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

The NSW government is committed to offering all families a co-educational high school option by 2027. Following extensive community consultation in Term 3 of 2022, it was determined that Penshurst Girls and Hurstville Boys in the Georges River College would each become co-educational campuses from 2025.

In preparation for the co-educational transition at Penshurst Girls Campus in 2025, we will be undertaking the following works:

- upgrading the play area to provide additional facilities for students
- reconfiguring and refurbishing the existing girls' toilets in Block B to create one facility for boys and one facility for girls within the existing floor space
- installing a new accessible bathroom and change facilities in Block C.

### Play area upgrade

The upgrade will apply to the existing grassed play area on the south-western boundary at the corner of Austral Street and St Georges Road. The grassed area will be removed, levelled and replaced with synthetic materials with markings for a futsal field.

During site establishment on 8 October 2024 the contractor found fibro pieces in the ground that were suspected to contain bonded asbestos. Works were immediately stopped and the area was made inaccessible to students and staff.

An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and perform a soil analysis. Results of testing confirmed the presence of in-ground asbestos containing material.

The work area is currently secured with fencing and enclosed with geotextile fabric.

All remediation work will be done outside of school hours in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Once remediation works are finished, an independent hygienist will issue a clearance certificate before the area is made available for contractors to start works.

### Block B and Block C refurbishment

The refurbishment of Blocks B and C is underway, with Block B almost finished. Services to Block C were disconnected on Wednesday 27 November in preparation for works to start on Monday 2 December.



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There will be no disruption to students while the works are underway as they will continue to use alternative facilities.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws.

All work will be completed by licensed contractors in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this planned work, please contact us on the details below. Please note our community phone and email are staffed Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.