

# Empire Vale Public School

Works notification | 14 December 2023

## Empire Vale Public School flood recovery

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School after it was extensively damaged by floods in early 2022.

### Additional asbestos removal

Further to the works notification issued on 22 November 2023, we have been removing asbestos containing material (ACM) from old buildings at Empire Vale Public School. This is part of demolition works that are occurring at the school during December 2023 and January 2024.

Some additional work is required to remove fragments of ACM from the subsoil under the buildings. This work will start on **Thursday 21 December 2023** and be complete by **Friday 22 December 2023**.

The material is classed non-friable bonded asbestos, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure. These areas are currently secure.

In accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Further testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before demolition works commence.

### Working hours

Standard working hours are **7am to 5pm Monday Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. We will work to ensure that all works are carried out safely and efficiently and will minimise impacts to the community at every opportunity.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

### Holiday working hours

The School Infrastructure NSW office will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024, inclusive.

You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return. If there is an urgent issue, please contact the site manager listed on the construction site entry. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).

