

# Maclean High School

Works notification | 5 December 2023

## Maclean High School flood recovery

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding and repairing 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 deliver remediation and repair works to Maclean High School, after it was damaged by floods in early 2022. We are also delivering planned maintenance across the school to improve facilities for Maclean High School students and staff.

### Project update

Following the discovery of an Aboriginal artefact at the school earlier this year, excavation work was paused to allow us to work through the necessary heritage protection processes. Heritage NSW has now granted an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) for the site, which means we can recommence work that requires ground disturbance under the conditions of the AHIP.

### Upcoming works

Excavation work at Maclean High School will resume on site on **Wednesday 6 December 2023**.

Works during December 2023 and January 2024 will include:

- Finalising stormwater upgrades. This includes excavating, laying pipes, concreting and landscaping around the administration block, the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and Block C. This will require the temporary shutdown of water services within the school site but will not impact neighbours.
- Recommencing work to erect the COLA over the games court.
- Replacing windows and frames in the administration building (Block A).

Ground works and demolition during this work may cause some low-level dust and noise. All work will be conducted in line with the department's Safe Work Methods.

### Asbestos removal

As part of the replacement of windows in the administration building, old window putty that contains bonded asbestos will be removed. Bonded asbestos means it is attached to other materials and cannot be crumbled under light pressure.

All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours and in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists, who will issue a clearance certificate before reoccupation of the administration block by staff and students.



## Working hours

Standard working hours are **7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday**. Sunday works may be required as necessary to minimise disruption to school activities and ensure the safety of staff and students.

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 at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or on 1300 482 651.

## Holiday working hours

The site will be closed between 5pm Friday 22 December 2023 and 7am, Monday 8 January 2024. Construction will restart from 8 January 2023 and take place within the approved construction hours.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024, inclusive, in line with the NSW Government shut down period. 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).

