

Blakebrook Public School

Works notification | 12 September 2024

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, a project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School after it was extensively damaged by floods in 2022. The project will deliver modern flood resilient classrooms, a canteen, library, administration area and landscaping.

Upcoming works

Lismore City Council has approved the Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the school site, which was a consent requirement for the demolition of buildings in preparation for the school rebuild.

This means demolition work can now begin. From Monday 16 September 2024, there will be increased traffic to the school site as we begin preparations for asbestos removal, demolition and then construction.

Measures will be in place to avoid morning and afternoon bus times.

Construction fencing will be installed around the school this week. This will include the full school site, which means the school playground will be secured until the rebuild is completed.

Asbestos removal

Contractors are expected to begin removing asbestos containing material from the ceilings and eaves of the flood affected buildings from Monday 16 September 2024 and is expected to be finished by Friday, 20 September.

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

The area will be remediated 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 begin.

Structural demolition

Demolition of all school buildings will begin once the asbestos has been removed and is expected to take up to 4 weeks to complete.

There will be additional noise and dust during demolition, which will not impact the Blakebrook Public School as they are learning from Goolmangar while their school is rebuilt. Selected materials will be salvaged in line with the Heritage Interpretation Strategy.



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Working hours

Standard working hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to 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.

We will continue to keep the school community updated throughout the rebuilding of Blakebook Public School.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).