

Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School

Works notification

1 April 2021

Dear Neighbour,

We are upgrading Chatswood High School with new and refurbished facilities to support the local student community.

Demountable removal works

Demountable units located in the future Building S work zone are scheduled to be removed from Chatswood High School in the April school holidays (see map overleaf). Teaching materials have been relocated out of these temporary classrooms into other locations across the school in preparation for the construction of Building S.

Between Tuesday 6 April to Friday 16 April, trucks and a mobile crane will enter and exit the school grounds through the De Villiers Avenue vehicle entrance to remove the demountable units. The car park will be unavailable for use during this time.

We are aware of the significance of trees in this area. The trees will be protected while the work is in progress however some small shrubs may need to be trimmed.

Asbestos removal works

The demountable removal works will also include the removal of known asbestos containing material on **Wednesday 7 April, 2021**. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached or contained within other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. The area will be cordoned off and 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. Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

Work hours

All work onsite will be completed from Monday to Saturday, 7:00am and 6:00pm in line with the current NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days Order 2020). This is to allow workers to abide by social distancing rules during the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing work across the week. Work may also be completed between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays as needed. There will be no work on Public Holidays without prior notification.

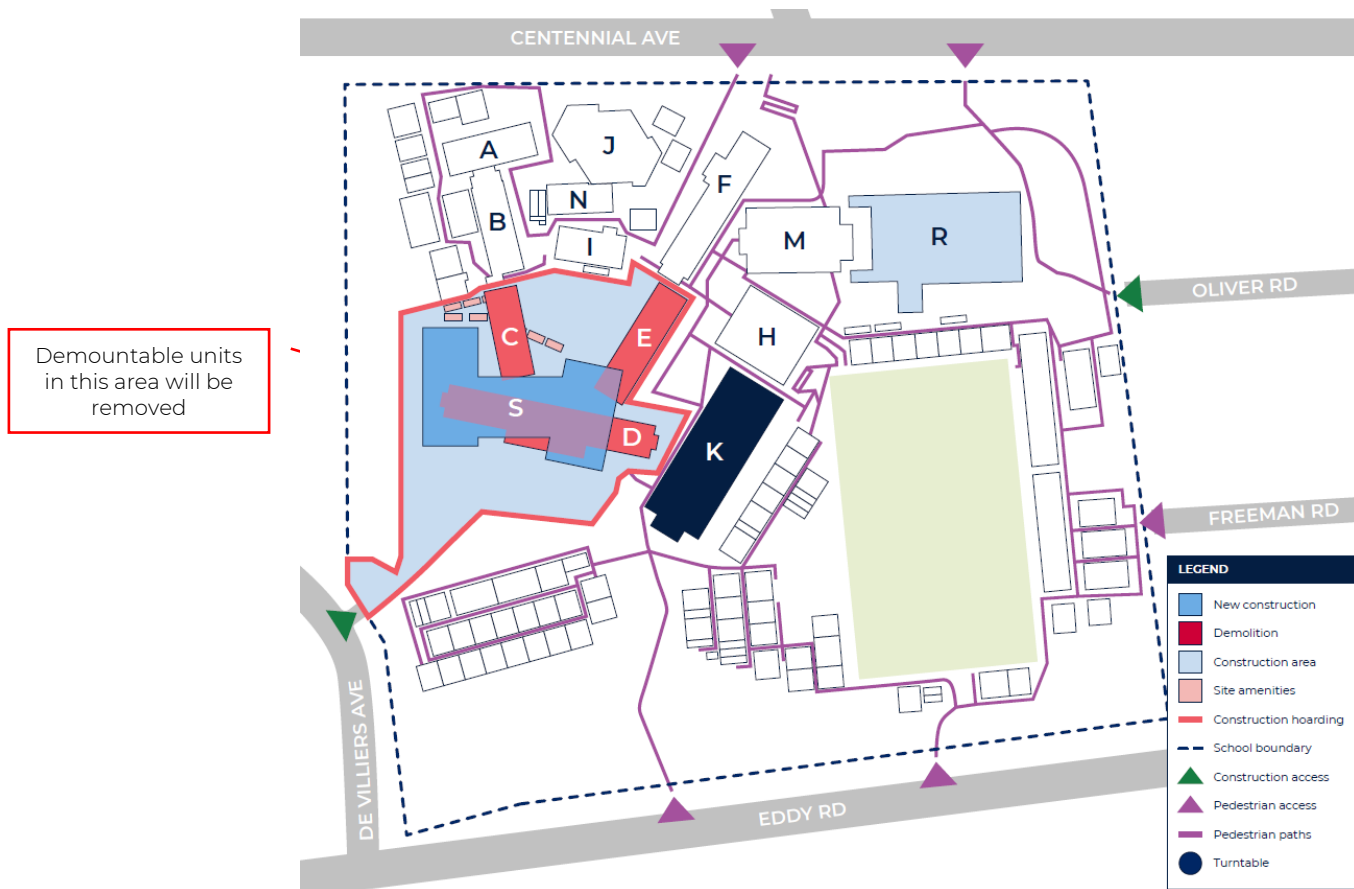
We appreciate your understanding while this work is in progress.

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Map of Chatswood High School



Frequently asked questions

How is asbestos managed on school sites?

Hazardous material on public school sites is managed in strict accordance with Safe Work NSW and all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines including the Department's Asbestos Management Plan for NSW Government Schools.

The plan covers how asbestos is managed on school sites, organisational responsibilities, removal and remediation procedures and ongoing asbestos management.

Any asbestos concerns are reported to the local Asset Management Unit. The Department takes immediate action where necessary, consistent with relevant statutory guidelines. When removing asbestos, work is scheduled to ensure no risk to students, staff or the community.

Where can asbestos be found?

The Department of Education manages a large and diverse portfolio of school infrastructure. Asbestos was

commonly used between the 1940's and late 1980's and is present today in materials of the era such as cement sheeting, some old heaters, vinyl floor tiles, insulation and wall lining.

Does all asbestos need to be removed?

No. There are several ways to control asbestos, depending on the type of asbestos and its location. Removing the material may not always be the most appropriate way of managing it.

School asbestos registers

Each school has an asbestos register which records all identified and suspected asbestos on the site. The register is publicly available and is consulted before any maintenance or capital works are undertaken at a school.

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