

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Works notification

13 May 2022

Dear community,

We are upgrading the boarding facilities and building a new farm hub at Hurlstone Agricultural High School to support the student community.

Site establishment to prepare for the construction at Hurlstone Agricultural High School started on 19 April 2022. The works will include the demolition of three existing buildings and the pool; and the removal of asbestos containing materials.

Site preparation and the demolition of Buildings B, C, N and the swimming pool

Perimeter fencing is being installed around Buildings B, C, N and the pool to form the construction work zone to prevent public access to the site (see map overleaf with the site layout). Teachers and students are able to access Buildings E, D, O and Z using the laneways away from the perimeter fence. The perimeter fence is anticipated to be complete by Wednesday 18 May 2022.

Preparation for the demolition of Buildings B, C and N will involve the disconnection of services and removal of identified hazardous materials including asbestos. Demolition works will start in Buildings B, C, N and the swimming pool after the asbestos removal works in Building B and Building C. Heavy machineries such as excavators and bulldozers will be used and works may be noisy at times. We are working closely with the principal to minimise impacts on school operations and have negotiated the working hours outlined below.

Asbestos removal works

Previous investigations have indicated asbestos-containing material in Building B and Building C. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. This area will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. This material will be removed prior to demolition work on Building B, and Building C starting Wednesday 18 May 2022 and is expected to be completed within 21 days. 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. A clearance certificate will be issued to the school by an independent asbestos assessor before demolition works begin.

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Work hours

Working hours will be 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 3pm Saturday. Noisy works or activities and deliveries will start from 9am on Saturdays, with other non-noise generating site activities to start from 8am. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified. As a precaution, asbestos remediation works in Building B and Building C will be done during school hours when students are away from Building Z, a dormitory. This is in line with advice from the project's independent occupational hygienist and is an added precaution to the approved control measures in place for the work. As a further precaution, asbestos remediation works will pause during meal times when students will be at Building D, the dining hall.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place for the site, and the contractor will enforce strict compliance. Our construction sites will follow all current health guidelines, including all workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.



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