

Empire Vale Public School

Works notification | 22 November 2023

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.

Asbestos removal

Asbestos containing material (ACM) is present in the ceilings and eaves of the old school buildings that are planned to be demolished. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the material will start on **Thursday 30 November 2023** and is expected to be completed by **Friday 15 December 2023**.

Working hours will be between **7 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday** and **8 am to 1pm on Saturdays**.

The area will be remediated 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 in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Following the work, the area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

