



Project update

Dear Kensington Primary School families and broader school community,

I am writing to update you on our upgrade and modernisation project.

As you may be aware, in the 2021-22 State Budget, the Victorian Government invested \$7.365 million in our school. This project is forecast for completion by Quarter 3, 2024 and will:

- Modernise heritage Block A by upgrading general-purpose classrooms for students.
 - It also includes a new reception and administration area for staff.
 - A new passenger lift at the southern end of the building.
- Build a new student toilet block, a covered walkway, and a new gathering space to bring our community together.

I am delighted to announce that a builder has now been appointed, and works are due to commence on-site in the coming weeks.

These works may include demolition, site shed, amenity set up, fencing and heavy machinery works at times.

As part of these works, asbestos removal will take place by a licensed removalist. Any identified asbestos will be removed in strict accordance with occupational health and safety regulations and lodged with WorkSafe Victoria.

They will remove the materials under the supervision of an independent occupational hygienist, who will also conduct air monitoring. The hygienist will also issue a clearance certificate to ensure the building is safe for general access upon completion of the works. No asbestos works will be scheduled for removal while students or staff are on site.

Some trees will need to be removed from the site to support upcoming works. An arborist has identified a need for their removal due to the structural damage they are causing to the heritage Block A building.

The VSBA has worked with the arborist to keep as many trees as safely possible. We will plant at least two trees for every tree removed, in line with our tree removal and replacement policy.

This is an exciting time for our school community, and I look forward to updating you further as the project progresses.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to the VSBA directly at:

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Regards,

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