

PAKENHAM SECONDARY COLLEGE

PROJECT UPDATE

Construction has started

18 December, 2025

Dear School Community,

As per previous communications, construction is now well underway in terms of our Capital Works Program.

Preparation works have now commenced on our exciting project, which includes upgraded classrooms in Block A.

Works may include the installation of site amenities and fencing, demolition works, construction, landscaping and use of heavy machinery at times.

I want to reiterate that it has been agreed that the builder will strive to minimise potential disruption to our usual school day, though some may occur.

We will work closely with the builder to make any adjustments as needed.

Asbestos removals

As part of this project, some asbestos removal works will need to take place. For example from the 5 to 13 January inclusive, 2026, asbestos will be removed from our school. The health and safety of our school and local community is paramount, and any identified asbestos will be removed in strict accordance with occupational health and safety regulations and WorkSafe Victoria will be notified.

A licensed asbestos removalist will remove the materials under the supervision of an independent occupational hygienist, who will also conduct air monitoring. No asbestos works will be scheduled for removal while students or staff are on site.

From 05/01/2026 till 14/01/2026, the school premises will be closed for all the neighbours and the community, and it is expected from everyone to not to enter the school premises during this time for safety purpose. The hygienist will be issuing a clearance certificate upon completion of the Asbestos removal works by 13/01/2026 and it is then that the school premises will be open for general access to the community - if there is any changes to these arrangements above, further communications will be distributed to our community accordingly.

Tree removals

To support upcoming works, several trees will need to be removed. An arborist has identified a need for their removal after assessing the condition of the trees and the requirements for student safety. They may also need to be removed to make way for the new facilities. The VSBA has worked with the arborist to keep as many trees as is safely possible. They will plant at least two trees of a comparable species for every tree removed, in line with their tree removal and replacement policy.

As you can see, it is full steam ahead as we begin our construction journey in bringing the project to life. Construction is forecast for completion by Quarter 3, 2026.

I thank you for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to contact the VSBA if you have specific details about the construction works – they are more than happy to answer any queries you may have – their details are below.

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More information

If you have any questions about the Pakenham Secondary College works, you can contact the College on pH – 5945 1433, and / or the VSBA by phone at **1800 896 950**, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit their website:

<https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au>