

# ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL

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DEMEX was engaged by RCP Australia as Principal Contractor to deliver asbestos removal, demolition and civil works at St Margaret's Anglican Girls School in Ascot, Queensland.

The project formed part of the school's Arts Precinct redevelopment, involving demolition of existing buildings that were no longer fit for purpose and located in the southern portion of the campus.

The scope included asbestos removal, soft strip-out and demolition of existing school buildings and associated structures, removal of slabs, footings and services, bulk earthworks, and civil preparation works to support future construction.

All works were delivered within an active school environment, requiring strict controls to maintain safety, minimise disruption and protect surrounding facilities.

## CHALLENGES

### Unforeseen ground contamination

Extensive ground contamination was identified following commencement of works. The full extent of contamination was not known prior to demolition, requiring an expanded scope of remediation and close coordination with environmental consultants to manage impacted materials safely and compliantly.

### Cyclone Alfred impacts

Cyclone Alfred and associated heavy rainfall across this time period caused flooding across the site, impacting access, load-out areas and productivity. Ground conditions became saturated, with sections of

the site unsafe for plant and vehicle movement until sufficient time allowed the ground to dry out.

### Live school environment

Works were delivered within an active school campus, with students, staff and visitors moving through adjacent areas daily. This required heightened controls and proactive communication to ensure safety and minimise disruption to school operations throughout the project.

### Restricted site access and logistics

The site presented significant logistical constraints, with limited space for material handling and no direct access for load-out. All demolition materials were required to be progressively transferred down a steep gradient to a small designated load-out area at the bottom of the site.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Swift adaptations to weather-related disruptions ensured steady project progress.
- Safe and compliant management of unforeseen asbestos and ground contamination issues.
- Proactive stakeholder engagement maintained alignment with the project schedule.
- High safety and environmental standards were upheld throughout the project.

