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# Kororo Public School area stage 1 of major construction work

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project.

As part of the Coffs Harbour bypass project, Transport for NSW's major contractor, Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture, will be starting major construction and continuing utilities relocation work in the Kororo Public School area. This work is the first stage of construction to build the new bus interchange and the new Luke Bowen Footbridge.

## Vegetation removal

The project team will be removing vegetation between the Pacific Highway, Kororo School, James Small Drive and Fern Tree Place near the Kororo School and within the school grounds from **Monday 17 to Saturday 22 April 2023**, mostly during standard construction hours.

This will include three night shifts from **7pm to 6am on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 April 2023** with noisier work completed by midnight.

An ecologist will assess all trees in the area to identify any with native animals living in them. Any habitat trees will be initially left to allow the animals to relocate. Additionally, they will be felled using a specific method to minimise any disturbance to native animals and any nest boxes will be relocated. An ecologist will be on site for tree felling activities in this area. The project team will be looking to reuse the timber and rootballs.

A map showing details of the vegetation removal and other activities is included on the next page.

## Temporary fencing

The project team will be installing temporary fencing along the new Kororo School boundary and in other areas to restrict public access to the construction work site. For the safety of the public, people should not enter construction areas at any time. The temporary school boundary fence will be replaced with permanent fencing later in 2023.

## Ongoing trenching and underboring work

Trench and underbore of electrical services along Kororo School Road from Russ Hammond Close to Essential Energy Substation within Kororo School (about 40m south of the Luke Bowen Footbridge) by early work contractor Quickway will also be undertaken.

## Changes to traffic arrangements

The Pacific Highway southbound carriageway near the Luke Bowen Footbridge will have traffic control and short stoppages as larger trees are brought down. The Korora Nature Reserve will not be impacted and no vegetation will be removed from it.

Korora School Road will be temporarily closed at the Pacific Highway while the vegetation removal, trenching and underboring is being carried out. Korora School Road residents will access their properties under traffic control and access to the footbridge will remain.



Note: vegetation removal will also be carried out along the orange dotted line between James Small Drive and the school entrance on Korora School Road.

## How will the work affect you?

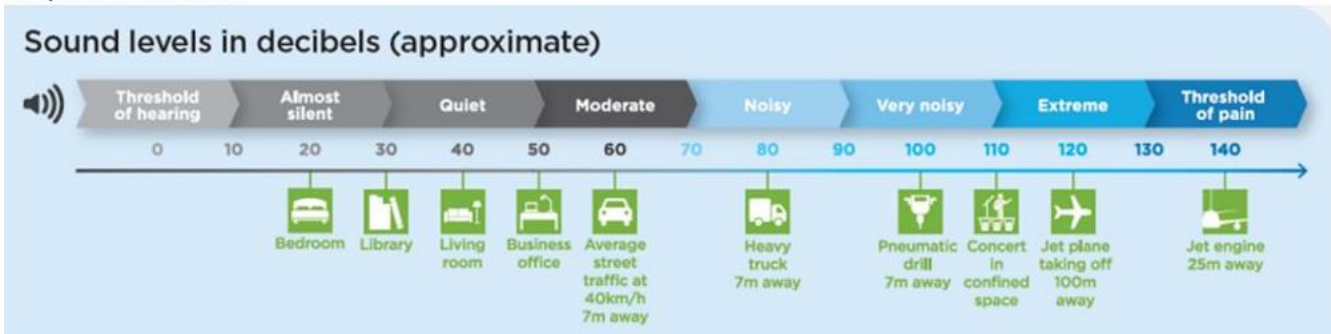
Access to the school during work will be via James Small Drive only. There may be some short delays for motorists, however we have scheduled this work during the school holidays to minimise disruption. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

There may be some dust created through our construction work. This will be managed using water carts and longer term binders as required.

Equipment which will be used for the vegetation removal includes electric chainsaws, an excavator, an EWP, light vehicles, traffic control and lighting which will generate some noise. Day time work will include the use of a mulcher.

We will minimise our impact during this work by carrying out work closer to residential properties earlier in the evening shifts and switching off vehicles and equipment when not in use. With reference to the figure over the page, the predicted noise level is expected to be 'quiet' at the residences that are closest to the work.

Comparison of noise levels



## Looking ahead

During the next few months there will be further vegetation removal and changes to traffic in the Kororo Public School area. We will be building temporary pavement and carrying out work to build the new bus interchange and pedestrian bridge over the Pacific Highway.

## Standard construction hours

The standard construction hours for the project are:

- **Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm**
- **Saturday from 8am to 1pm on Saturday.**

Out of hours work will be from **7pm to 6am**.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we build this important project which will boost the efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the project team on 1800 550 621 or [community@chbteam.com.au](mailto:community@chbteam.com.au)

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