

Annandale North Public School

School holiday works notification | 17 July 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning. This is to notify you of work where planned maintenance over the holidays involved unexpectedly working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material and make you aware of other upcoming work.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance during the July school holidays

Transport for NSW replaced windows and doors on the eastern side of Building A to reduce the impact of noise as part of upgrades to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway.

During this planned maintenance, asbestos containing material was uncovered in the fixed panels in the lower half of the window frames. The windows were previously safe as the asbestos containing material was sealed and undisturbed. An independent occupational hygienist was engaged to inspect the area.

We are also replacing the roof in Building C as part of work to restore heritage stonework at the school. During this work, suspected asbestos containing material was uncovered during the removal of tiles. Work immediately stopped and the area was cordoned off and separated. An independent occupational hygienist was engaged to inspect the area. They confirmed the building has remained safe for general occupation as the asbestos containing material in the sheeting was sealed and undisturbed.

The window frame material was removed during the school holidays and the roof sheeting removal will take place on Saturday July 29 when staff and students are not present at the school.

All work with asbestos containing materials is completed in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work is completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The affected windows were inspected to ensure they had been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was provided after the asbestos removal works were completed. The same process will apply to the roof work taking place later this month.

The window replacement work has finished in the upper level of Building A. Work on the Building C roof replacement and restoration of heritage stonework continues, and we will provide the school community with further information on this project as it progresses.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work. If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

