

# Canterbury Public School

Works notification | 2 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, we informed you that 2 buildings at Canterbury Public School were cordoned off. We'd like to provide you an update on the works that are being conducted and school arrangements that are needed to ensure that all facilities are back to normal operations as soon as possible.

## **C Block is open**

An independent hygienist issued a clearance certificate and C Block reopened for usual school operations on Thursday 28 March. This block was initially cordoned off for precautionary testing following an incident with a contractor during air conditioning installation in A Block, where asbestos tests came back positive.

Swab- and air- testing found no asbestos in the C Block classrooms where air-conditioning installation also occurred. Trace amounts were detected in the roof void, however air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Access to the maths storeroom remains restricted until cleaning is completed.

Works are scheduled to remove all asbestos containing materials in the roof void in C Block during the April school holidays.

## **A Block and Stage 3**

A Block is sealed off from the ground level as remediation works as recommended by an independent hygienist through a remediation action plan, takes place. We will remediate the building during the school holidays. It is estimated the building will be reopened in early Term 2 once a clearance certificate is issued.

All work in blocks A and C will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

To ensure the continued health and safety of our students and staff, we want to inform you of changes to learning spaces as works in A Block continue.

Our Stage 3 classes are relocating to neighbouring Canterbury Girls High School temporarily to ensure continuity of their learning. Students will continue to start their day at Canterbury Public School then will be escorted and supervised by teachers to walk through the shared boundary gate to Canterbury



Girls High School. Stage 3 students have a dedicated space to learn and will return to Canterbury Public School for lunch and recess. Students will be walked backed to Canterbury Public School at the end of the day, ready for dismissal. This means no changes to drop off and pick up arrangements for Stage 3 families.

Students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes are relocating to Stage 3 classrooms and breakout classrooms in C Block while works take place in A Block.

### **Vacation care arrangements**

Vacation care is being relocated to Campsie Public School. A notification was distributed by Junior Adventures last week to confirm this arrangement.

Our highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.