

Dapto Public School

Works notification | 30 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During heavy rainfall on 6 – 7 April 2024, 2 art rooms and a storeroom in Building H (the Small Art Room) at Dapto Public School were damaged.

The damaged area was isolated, and students and staff who normally use these rooms were relocated to other classrooms for the last week of Term 1.

In the Autumn School Holidays, while investigating building damage caused by the rainfall, suspected mould was detected in these rooms.

On 25 April 2024, we engaged an independent hygienist to assist with investigating the suspected mould and water damage. Mould and airborne spores were detected in the 2 art rooms and storeroom. The airborne spores exceeded the acceptable limit. All building investigations and work stopped immediately, and the rooms were made inaccessible.

Work to remediate the building is still being organised. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the works. Additional safety measures and air monitoring will be put in place before any work starts.

Students and staff returning to school this week will continue to be relocated to other available classrooms for their art lessons.

All work involving hazardous materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring put in place while work is being done. All inspections and remediation works will be conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist. Use and access to the building will be restricted until a clearance certificate is received.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

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