

Goulburn Public School

Works notification | 4 April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Odour concerns were reported in 3 classrooms, the staffroom and the adjoining hallway in Building B at Goulburn Public School last week.

The areas were inspected by a contractor on Friday 28 March and made inaccessible from Monday 31 March, with an independent hygienist conducting testing and confirming the presence of mould growth.

Classes are operating from alternate learning spaces until remediation work is completed.

Staff have relocated their resources to another room in the school.

There are no associated impacts to school operations due to the hallway closure.

Mould remediation, which begins on Monday 7 April, includes:

- replacement of all carpet
- an environmental clean of affected areas
- temporary use of HEPA air scrubbers.

While work is taking place, we will also be removing undisturbed asbestos-containing vinyl tiles located underneath the carpet.

It is anticipated all work will be completed by mid-May.

The classrooms, staffroom and hallway will remain restricted until the independent hygienist confirms they can be reopened.

NSW Health explains that “living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged”.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, and temporary fencing, will be in place during mould and asbestos remediation.

All work will be done by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

