

Jesmond Public School

School holiday works notification | 9 October 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.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance over the spring school holidays

During planned maintenance to replace the carpet in the library and associated office in Building B, suspected asbestos containing material was identified in the vinyl tiles located under the carpet. Work immediately stopped and the area was cordoned off.

An independent occupational hygienist was engaged to inspect the area and collect samples for testing. This confirmed the material to be bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the asbestos containing vinyl tiles took place during the Spring school holidays on Saturday 7 October 2023.

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

The library and associated office were inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated, and the contractor received a clearance certificate to continue the carpet replacement work. The carpet replacement work is expected to be completed by Thursday 12 October 2023.

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.

