

Nords Wharf Public School

Works notification | 11 June 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 7 June 2024, mould was detected on the carpet in 2 kindergarten classrooms in Building A at Nords Wharf Public School. As a precaution, the rooms were immediately vacated, cordoned off from students and staff, and the classes have been temporarily relocated to the Library.

An independent hygienist has been engaged to provide advice. We are scheduling an environmental clean of the classrooms and will be investigating and repairing any causes of the excess moisture in these rooms.

To support the remediation process, we will also be replacing the floor coverings and underlay. To replace the carpet, the vinyl tiles underneath will be removed. The material in the vinyl tiles contains bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register. This means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work to remove and replace the flooring material will be scheduled outside of school hours on Saturday 15 June 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work 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.

When the work is complete, the classrooms will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before they are reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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