

Robertson Public School

Project update | June 2026

Image caption: Front entrance of Robertson Public School



Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are providing an update on the ongoing management of structural issues, mould and water leaks at Robertson Public School.

Investigation and recommendations

On Monday 18 May 2026, an independent hygienist inspected the entire school which included testing for moisture. Based on their recommendations we will be undertaking the following works across multiple rooms in Buildings A, B, C, D, G, H and I:

- Removal and replacement of affected flooring, ceiling and wall materials in affected classrooms and support spaces.
- Cleaning, repair or replacement of damaged fixtures, shelving, cupboards and other building materials.
- Assessment and cleaning of books, teaching resources and other school contents in affected areas.
- Detailed cleaning of classrooms and internal spaces using specialised cleaning methods and equipment.
- Improvements to ventilation in classrooms and buildings to help increase airflow and reduce the potential for future moisture and mould issues.

The immediate focus of these works is to address the damage caused by moisture in the school buildings. The next stages of work will focus on improving drainage and addressing water leaks.

The NSW Department of Education is also continuing to investigate and address the underlying causes of these issues. This includes ongoing assessment of factors such as water ingress, stormwater management, drainage, ventilation, and rising damp to help reduce the risk of future mould growth and improve the long-term condition of affected buildings.

We have engaged an independent project manager to develop a remediation action plan that will address the whole school.

Where bonded asbestos-containing materials are present beneath affected flooring, these will be managed and removed safely in accordance with the school's Asbestos Management Plan.



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All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The department is guided by the expert advice of the independent hygienist and will implement all recommendations provided. Use and access to the buildings will be restricted until the area is environmentally cleaned or fully cleared by the independent hygienist.

Immediate work

Following the advice of the independent hygienist, we have begun work that can be completed this term and provide immediate improvements to ventilation including:

- ordering of air purifiers which are being delivered before the end of Term 2 2026
- planning for roof replacements
- surveying of gutters, downpipes and stormwater connections
- scheduling of more frequent cleaning.

Current storeroom repairs

On Friday 12 June 2026 a contractor was completing scheduled wall upgrades in a Building C withdrawal space. After removing an MDF panel the contractor identified mould in the wall cavity. The room was immediately sealed around the doorway to prevent any possible airborne mould from entering the adjacent classroom.

Removal of the remaining MDF panels will continue during the July school holiday period. This will be followed by a deep clean of the room and installation of new gyprock sheeting. The independent hygienist will then complete further air monitoring and testing.

All work involving mould will take place outside of school hours with appropriate safety measures in place. Use and access to the withdrawal space will be restricted until fully cleared by the independent hygienist.

Heritage considerations

Due to the age of Robertson Public School, some buildings requiring investigation and repair work are heritage listed. The department is reviewing the suitability of these heritage buildings and the long-term management of mould on the school site. We will continue to keep you updated and informed as it progresses.

NSW Health advises that mould spores are present virtually everywhere, both indoors and outdoors, and mould is part of a group of very common organisms called fungi that also include mushrooms and yeast.



Further information can be found on the [NSW Health Mould Fact sheet](#).

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below. Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.