

NSW Department of Education

# Robertson Public School

## Works notification | 23 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On 15 May 2024, we engaged an independent hygienist to conduct air quality testing and investigate a possible cause of an ongoing smell in a storeroom in Building A at Robertson Public School.

Other areas in the building, including 2 classrooms, a movement area between the rooms, and a second storeroom were included in the assessment.

Testing and visual inspections confirmed that there is mould growth in all the inspected areas that will require some level of remediation work.

Air testing confirmed that the storeroom with the smell, the 2 classrooms and the movement area did not contain elevated airborne mould spores.

Under the advice of the independent hygienist, remediation work for these areas will involve an environmental clean, removal of porous equipment and materials, and if required, replacement of carpet. These areas were cleared by the independent hygienist for normal use until the remediation work starts.

Air testing in the second storeroom detected higher than acceptable levels of airborne spores and the room was immediately locked and made inaccessible. Use and access to the storeroom will be restricted until a clearance certificate is received.

On 21 May 2024, as a precautionary measure, students and staff that use one of the classrooms were relocated to another room until all remediation work is completed.

All work involving hazardous materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures in place while work is being done. All inspections and remediation work will be conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist.

In addition to the mould remediation, we are organising larger roof restoration work and improving drainage around the building to reduce the risk of mould returning. If this work impacts normal operations, we will keep you informed.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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