

Rockdale Public School

Works notification | 4 July 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In early June 2025 we received complaints from staff about a strong mould smell coming from 3 classrooms in Building F at Rockdale Public School.

In response, we engaged a specialist mould cleaner to conduct testing and clean any surface mould on Thursday 5 June 2025.

Testing confirmed elevated levels of moisture. As a precautionary measure, the rooms were made inaccessible to students and staff and lessons were relocated to other areas of the school.

We engaged a plumber to inspect for any leaks or water sources however none were found. We also engaged an independent hygienist to conduct further testing and provide recommendations.

In accordance with the hygienist's recommendations, the following works will be conducted during the upcoming Winter School Holidays:

- cleaning and treating all areas where mould was found
- removing and replacing contaminated pinboards
- investigating and replacing the sub floor ventilation to reduce future risk of contamination.

Once the work is done, an independent hygienist will inspect the area, conduct air monitoring and issue a clearance certificate before the rooms can be reopened for usual activities.

All work is expected to be finished before lessons resume for Term 3.

NSW Health advises that mould is present virtually everywhere, both indoors and outdoors, and 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 Factsheet or by scanning the QR code.

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

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

