

Schofields Public School

Works notification | 20 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We would like to provide you with information about investigations into suspected mould related incidents at Schofields Public School.

In July 2024 we were notified of a stormwater drainage issue underneath several demountable buildings, resulting in suspected mould.

Surface mould has been observed on the outside of the demountable buildings.

On Saturday 10 August 2024 an independent hygienist attended the site to inspect the buildings and conduct air quality monitoring for mould in 10 of the 20 demountable buildings.

The air monitoring results indicated the air quality was clear. As a precautionary measure additional testing was undertaken the following weekend in the remaining 10 demountables and the administration building.

On Saturday 17 August, independent hygienists returned to inspect the area and organise soil and surface water samples for testing. A plumber attended the site to inspect the stormwater system and provide recommendations.

On this same day, we engaged a contractor to start the process of removing the surface mould from the external buildings as a proactive measure. Some demountable buildings were given a full exterior washdown.

From Wednesday 21 August, cleaners will be onsite during school hours to conduct a full washdown of the remaining demountables. The school has made the following arrangements for students who normally occupy these demountables to be relocated within the school to ensure continuity of learning.

Morning and afternoon line up routines for students will be different from Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 August.

Gates 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be closed and morning play will be indoor play. Students will take their bags and go to their temporary classroom where they will be supervised by teachers.

For home time, Kindergarten and Year 1 students will line up under the big covered outdoor learning area (COLA) in their class lines.

Work to clean the external buildings is expected to be finished by the end of this week. Cleaners will be wearing masks and other personal protective wear as per standard practice.

We will notify you about any further actions to remediate the area once the results from testing and recommendations from the plumber and independent hygienists are received.

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.