

Smithtown Public School

Works notification | 16 December 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Upcoming maintenance works to refurbish the library at Smithtown Public School will involve working with asbestos containing material in the walls. The material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. Please be assured that the library is currently safe to use.

Work to remove the material will take place during the summer school holidays between Wednesday 21 December 2022 and Thursday 26 January 2023. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours and in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

Before works start, the library will be cordoned off. Safety measures and monitoring will be put in place and the area will remain out of bounds to any staff or students who may visit the school over the holidays until the removal and associated maintenance work is completed.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

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.

