

Warrawong Public School

Works notification | 27 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Wednesday 14 February 2024, mould was detected in three classrooms at Warrawong Public School. Two classrooms in Building A and one in Building F. As a precautionary measure students and staff were relocated to other classrooms in Building A and Building C so we could investigate the mould.

We engaged an occupational hygienist to assist with our investigations. During these investigations vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos were found under the carpet, and a leak in the wall was the identified as the source of the mould.

A sample of the vinyl tiles was tested and on Tuesday 20 February 2024, results confirmed that they tiles do contain asbestos.

Work to remove the tiles and remediate these rooms will take place from Monday 26 February 2024 to Wednesday 28 February 2024. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

The rooms are locked and will remain inaccessible, and additional safety measures and air monitoring will be put in place before the work starts.

Students and staff will continue learning and teaching in their relocated classrooms until all work is complete, including work to repair the wall leak.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws 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 rooms will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before they are reopened.

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.

