

Tacoma Public School

School holiday works notification – Autumn | 2025

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

Following a routine inspection at Tacoma Public School on Tuesday 8 April 2025, we identified a damaged ceiling panel assumed to contain asbestos in a demountable classroom.

Testing by an independent hygienist confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

The classroom was made inaccessible to students and staff, on the advice of an independent hygienist, the following day (Wednesday 9 April).

Classes were relocated to alternate learning spaces for the remainder of the school term.

Changes to vacation care program

Work to replace the ceiling material will take place during the school holidays – on Tuesday 15 April and Wednesday 16 April 2025.

The vacation care program will run throughout the holidays; however, we have coordinated a nearby offsite location at Ourimbah Public School during these two days.

The care provider will contact parents and carers regarding alternate arrangements.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, temporary fencing, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment, will be in place.

Once the work is completed, the independent hygienist will provide a clearance certificate allowing vacation care to resume at the school site on Thursday 17 April and to reopen the classroom in Term 2.

All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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