

Tahmoor Public School

Works notification | 11 February 2025

Dear parents, carers and staff,

Remediation work to remove mould from 2 classrooms and a breakout room in Building D at Tahmoor Public School began during the holidays.

Testing by an independent hygienist on 24 December confirmed the presence of mould in the building's sub-floor, caused by ground moisture present underneath the building.

To prevent further moisture issues, remediation work is being done throughout Building D, including 4 classrooms, 2 practical activities areas, 2 breakout rooms and 6 storerooms.

Access to Building D is restricted while work occurs. Work is expected to be completed by Week 6 Term 1. Classes will temporarily operate from alternative learning areas during this time.

Remediation work includes:

- installing sub-floor ventilation
- replacing the subfloor, including the treatment of bearers and joists to protect the structure from moisture exposure
- replacing floorboards, carpet and skirting in classrooms, breakout rooms and storage areas
- replacing and painting an internal wall
- install additional external ground drainage, roof gutters and down pipes to prevent future moisture build up.

Asbestos removal

Work also requires the removal of asbestos-containing materials known to be present in the wall lining and floor coverings of the storerooms in Building D, as listed in the school's asbestos register.



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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.

Asbestos removal work is occurring across 2 stages:

- 3 storage areas located at the eastern side of Building D (near Building C); completed 25 to 26 January 2025.
- 3 storage areas located at the western side of Building D (near Building B); scheduled to take place 15 and 16 February, outside of school hours.

Asbestos removal work is being done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures, including air monitoring and temporary fencing, in place while work is being done. All work is being completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.