

Tamworth West Public School

School holiday works notification | 18 July 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning.

This is to notify you of work where planned maintenance over the holidays involved unexpectedly working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance over the winter school holidays

During planned maintenance to replace the roof of Building A at Tamworth West Public School, suspected lead containing material was uncovered in the ceiling space.

Work immediately stopped and the area was cordoned off and separated with temporary fencing.

An independent occupational hygienist was engaged to inspect the area and oversee the remediation. They confirmed the building has remained safe for general occupation as the affected area is located within the roof cavity, sealed off and therefore inaccessible to students, staff and visitors.

Work to remediate the ceiling space took place during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023. Additional safety measures and monitoring were put in place before works started.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations. All work was completed in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area was inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the contractor received a clearance certificate to continue work. The remediation work is now complete and roof replacement works will continue as scheduled and are anticipated to finish in mid-August.

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.

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

