NSW Department of Education

Vaucluse Public School Works notification | 26 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During a routine inspection in the morning of **26 April**, a tree was found to have fallen and damaged the rear section of the roof of student toilets in Building G. The damage occurred in a section of the roof at the back of the building that is normally out of bounds. As an additional safety measure, the area has been cordoned off.

An arborist inspected the fallen tree and found fragments of bonded asbestos-containing materials that fell from the eaves lining of the roof. The fragments fell from an area listed on the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

Work to remove the asbestos and the fallen tree will be done on **26-27 April**, weather and conditions permitting, with air monitoring in place. All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate.

Work to repair the roof will be scheduled during Term 2. We will keep the community updated.

All 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 independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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