

Maitland Public School

Works notification | 27 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Due to community concerns regarding bird lice, we have identified birds accessing and living in the roof and roof cavity of Building D at Maitland Public School. As a result, several classrooms and other top floor rooms including a staff room, storeroom and corridor in Building D have been temporarily isolated from students and staff until works can be completed. Alternative rooms have been arranged for students and staff to use to ensure minimal disruption to learning and teaching.

We have been addressing this issue as a priority.

Recent work to address the issue in this building so far has included:

- inspection of roof cavity for any unknown entry points for birds
- fumigation of the ceiling cavity to eliminate pests including dusting treatments in the roof void and wall cavities
- fumigation of internal surfaces including spraying windows, walls, ceilings, floors and doors
- treatment of carpeted areas
- cleaning of effected rooms on the first floor
- sealing of potential penetrations to ceiling linings and cornices.

Recent inspections of Building D have also found that existing bird proofing will need further repairs to sections of the ceiling and roof on the southern end of the building.

This repair work will be ongoing throughout the remainder of Term 4 2024.

Once these repair works are complete, a final fumigation of classrooms and any other affected areas in Building D will be conducted outside of school hours so the classrooms can be ready for use as soon as possible.

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.

