

# Marrickville West Public School

## Works notification | 10 April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As outlined in our [works notification on 31 March 2025](#), work to replace the ceiling of a Year 1 classroom in Building B at Marrickville West Public School has now been completed. A clearance certificate for the room was issued on Monday 31 March 2025.

On Tuesday 8 April during an onsite meeting with SafeWork NSW and the independent hygienist, we were made aware of dust in another Year 1 classroom in Building B.

As a precaution, the classroom and another Year 1 classroom next door were immediately closed and locked with signs in place to restrict access for students and staff until remediation action is completed. Samples of the dust material were taken for testing.

The material has been confirmed as friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Air monitoring was installed on Wednesday 9 April and will continue until Friday 11 April in the corridor outside these 2 rooms and in the outdoor courtyard.

Air monitoring to date has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

For more information about asbestos please refer NSW Health's [Asbestos and health risks fact sheet](#).

Please see a healthcare professional if you have any concerns, or contact [your local NSW Health Public Health Unit](#) for advice on 1300 066 055.

### Further testing

As an added precaution we will also test for mould and other allergens inside the 2 Year 1 classrooms. If any allergens are detected, we will remediate these based on the advice of the independent hygienist.

The independent hygienist will also inspect the ceilings of all classrooms in Building B to update the school's asbestos register. Appropriate action will be taken based on the hygienist's advice.

Further to our works notification on 31 March 2025 we have also inspected all rooms listed on the school's asbestos register to see if there were any disturbances due to the installation of air conditioning units. We identified one electrical distribution cupboard listed on the school's asbestos register that cabling passed through. This room is locked at all times and is



inaccessible to students and staff. This cupboard will be tested and remediated based on the recommendations of the independent hygienist.

**School holiday works**

Remediation work and additional inspections are expected to take place in the Autumn School Holidays and may include replacement of ceilings, carpet and pinboards and cleaning of all hard surfaces in affected rooms. A clearance certificate will be issued before the classrooms are reopened for use.

We will provide an update before school returns for Day 1 Term 2.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

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 time.