

Guildford 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 demolish a retaining wall and reinstall a new one between Buildings P and O, asbestos containing material was found in grounds under the concrete slab. Work immediately stopped, the area was sealed off and remained cordoned off within the work site.

An independent occupational hygienist was engaged to inspect the area and collect samples for testing to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

Work to remove the material took place during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists 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 finished, and construction and planned maintenance works will continue as scheduled.

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.

