

Heaton Public School

Works notification | 27 February 2024

The planned work outlined in the notification below has been extended due to contractor availability. Work has finished on the external areas but has continued in the internal areas on Saturday 24 February 2024.

If additional time is required or contractor needs to be rescheduled, this will take place on the following weekend Saturday 2 March 2024.

On advice from the hygienist, the areas have continued to be used with air monitoring in place during the works. All air monitoring to date across the site 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 represent a consistent finding that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

When work is finished the school will receive a clearance certificated from the independent hygienist to continue using them.

Thank you for your understanding.

9 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of our ongoing maintenance program in schools, we review the condition of buildings regularly. We have had an independent hygienist inspect the ceiling and roof cavities in the Library (Building B) and Preschool (Building C) at Heaton Public School. These spaces are known to contain asbestos as per the school's asbestos register.

The independent hygienist has advised there will be some minor work to maintain the encapsulation of the material inside the cavities. This work is scheduled for Saturday 10 February 2024.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

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



Following this work, these areas will be cleaned and inspected. The school will receive a clearance certificated from the independent hygienist to resume normal school operations in these buildings on Monday. The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

