

Nowra East Public School

Works notification | 20 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On 13 May 2024, suspected mould growth was found in 3 clerical rooms, a disabled toilet and a movement area in the Wellbeing Hub (Building M) at Nowra East Public School. As a precautionary measure, these rooms were locked and staff who use these rooms have been moved to alternate work areas until a clearance certificate is received.

On 14 and 15 May 2024, we arranged for the areas in the Wellbeing Hub to have an environmental clean and organised testing with an independent hygienist.

On 16 May 2024, suspected mould growth was found in 2 classrooms in Building P. Year 1 and Year 2 students and staff who use this room have been relocated as a precautionary measure while the rooms are cleaned.

During this work, we have been investigating the possible cause of the mould growth in these buildings and have identified an issue with the sub-floor ventilation.

To fix the ventilation issue, we are investigating different options including the installation of extraction fans underneath the buildings. We will check sub-floor ventilation in other buildings, and if required, organise similar risk-reduction strategies across the school.

Until these measures can be put in place, we will continue to inspect classrooms and buildings on a regular basis and ensure any mould growth is cleaned.

We will work with your principal, to ensure that the room relocations have minimal impact on face-to-face learning.

All work involving hazardous materials has and will continue, to take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures in place while work is being done. All inspections and remediation work has and will continue to be conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent occupational hygienist.

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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