

Busby West Public School

Works notification | 4 February 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Following a report on Saturday 10 January 2026, water was discovered in the preschool in Building 8 at Busby West Public School from a burst pipe resulting in mould on the flooring and surfaces.

Preschool temporarily relocated to Building 12

Remediation works have started on the preschool and learners have been temporarily relocated to Building 12 from 3 February 2026 while work is being completed.

Works for Building 8

As part of the remediation, we will be installing new floor coverings to all the rooms in the preschool, putting in new cabinetry and changing the doors to the electrical distribution board.

The vinyl tiles underneath the carpet in Building 8 are known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan. These vinyl tiles were removed on Monday 26 January 2026 as part of planned works.

On inspecting the building, the doors to the electrical distribution board were discovered by the hygienist to contain friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. These doors were in good condition and removed on Saturday 31 January 2026.

Air monitoring has been conducted across the site which 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.

We will provide an update on the progress remediation work to the preschool during Term 1 2026.

NSW Health advises mould is present virtually everywhere, both indoors and outdoors, and is part of a group of very common organisms called fungi that also include mushrooms and yeast. Further information can be found on the [NSW Health mould factsheet](#).

All work involving mould and other hazardous materials will take place outside of school hours, with appropriate safety measures in place. Use and access to the building will be restricted until the area is fully remediated.



All work involving hazardous will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures, including temporary fencing, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment, will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists, who will provide clearance before the rooms are reopened for use.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.