Hayes Park Public School Works notification | 17 May 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are writing to provide an update on investigations and remediation work taking place at Hayes Park Public School.

On Wednesday 15 May 2024, cracks were identified in the ceilings in 2 classrooms in Building E. Classes were immediately relocated to alternate areas in the school to continue learning and the building was made inaccessible to students and staff.

Remediation work to replace the ceilings in the 2 classrooms in Building E will commence on 22 May 2024. Classes will continue in alternate locations until this work is completed.

On Thursday 16 May 2024, we engaged an independent engineer to inspect all ceilings in Building E and F. While there are no noticeable cracks in the ceilings in Building F, as a precaution we investigated the building as its ceiling material and construction is similar to Building E.

Based on the recommendations from the engineer, we have made 6 classrooms, 2 movement areas and a breakout space in Building F inaccessible to students and staff. The affected 6 classes have been relocated to alternate areas in the school to continue learning.

Ceilings in the 6 classrooms, 2 movement areas and breakout space in Building F have been braced and secured to make the areas safe to occupy. We will provide updates about the dates of these remediation works when they are confirmed.

As an extra precautionary measure, we have engaged an independent hygienist to conduct investigations in the roof cavity on Friday 17 May 2024. The hygienist's recommendations will inform decisions about when classes will resume in Building F.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. We will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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

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