

# Hayes Park Public School

## Works notification | 8 May 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 7 March 2024, we notified the school community about a ceiling that had collapsed in a Kindergarten classroom in Building B at Hayes Park Public School. The incident happened outside of school hours.

On Saturday 4 May 2024, contractors were replacing carpet damaged in this incident. Under the carpet they found vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos. These tiles are not listed on the school's asbestos register and as a precautionary measure the area was cordoned off and a sample was organised for testing.

The same day, testing confirmed that the tiles contained bonded asbestos which means it is attached to vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the tiles and replace the flooring will take place on Saturday 11 May 2024. The room will remain cordoned off and additional safety measures and air monitoring will be in place before the work starts.

From 6 – 10 May 2024, students and staff who normally use this room will be relocated to another classroom to continue face-to-face learning.

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

After the work is completed, the room will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before it is reopened for students and staff.

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

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

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