

Jewells Primary School

School holiday works notification | 19 July 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning.

This is to notify you of work where planned maintenance over the holidays involved unexpectedly working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance over the winter school holidays

During planned maintenance to replace the carpets in Buildings D, E, F, G and H at Jewells Primary School, suspected asbestos containing material was found in vinyl tiles located under the carpet in a number of rooms.

Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist during the July school holidays to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation was needed.

Testing has confirmed no asbestos containing material was present in the vinyl tiles and the work progressed as planned.

The planned maintenance work to replace carpets is now finished, and the areas were opened for the start of Term.

Upcoming work

When inspecting the rooms that received new carpets, 4 broken windows were found in classroom number 3 in Building E. The putty within the window frames is suspected to contain asbestos.

Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist during the July school holidays and it has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The windows have been covered in plastic and because the window frame is undamaged the classroom remains safe for occupation.

The windows will be repaired outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before works start.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations 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.



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

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

