Dear staff, parents/carers,

During a scheduled inspection in early April 2024 by an independent hygienist of the school counsellor's demountable at Ironbark Ridge Public School, mould was detected on the underside of the flooring and on the soil.

Further investigation and testing by the hygienist did not detect any mould inside the demountable. The hygienist has advised that the likely cause of the mould outside the building is the drainage of water from Building E.

The demountable is closed and has been made out of bounds to students and staff.

The school counsellor has been relocated to the library in Building D and learning has been relocated to other rooms within the school.

Air purifiers have been installed in the demountable as a temporary control measure.

The full scope of remediation work is being finalised, but will include new flooring, roof and external wall inspections, diverting water draining from Building E away from the demountable and into the stormwater system and replacement of soil. It is anticipated this work will be completed by the end of Term 2.

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

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

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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