

Shell Cove Public School

Works notification | 4 September 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As part of our precautionary review across 15 NSW public schools managed by our facilities contractor, Downer, we are continuing inspections and maintenance of skylight diffuser panels.

This follows a recent incident on Wednesday 27 August 2025, where a skylight diffuser panel fell from the ceiling and scratched the arm of a presenter who was seated below. Students were also present, but fortunately, none were injured.

Immediately after the incident, the affected diffuser was removed, and Downer site staff thoroughly cleaned the area to ensure no debris remained. At 7 am the next morning, a full inspection of all diffuser panels in the classroom was carried out by Downer staff. During this inspection, a second diffuser was also removed for assessment. Replacement of skylight diffuser panels were delivered to site and installed by approximately 1 pm. Later that evening, additional parts were installed to reinforce several of the remaining diffusers as a precautionary measure.

To further ensure safety, the school's handyperson has been instructed to conduct daily visual checks of all skylight diffusers.

As part of this review:

- All skylight diffuser panels at Shell Cove Public School were removed as an initial safety measure.
- On Friday 25 July 2025, Downer began replacement of the panels.
- Panels are being temporarily secured while a permanent solution is developed.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and broader school community remains our highest priority. We are committed to keeping the community informed and will continue to provide updates as this work progresses.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and understanding during this important safety review.



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