Gardeners Road Public School Community notification | 27 January 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

In late 2022 NSW Health conducted testing for lead in Block C (the support unit) at Gardeners Road Public School. Results confirmed lead containing material within the walls and balcony rails in several classrooms, break out areas and hallways.

These areas are being remediated on the advice of an independent occupational hygienist, with painting to encapsulate walls, protective seals placed on some surfaces, and environmental cleaning throughout all areas in Block C. Safety measures and air monitoring are in place and the area is out of bounds to anyone onsite until the remediation and associated maintenance work is completed.

Works will be completed Sunday 29 January 2023. All works are being undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW and NSW Health regulations, in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

A clearance certificate will be provided to the school prior to the area being reopened for classes in Term 1.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. The department is working closely with NSW Health and the school leadership and will continue to keep the community updated.

Planning is underway for further preventative maintenance work over the Term 1 school holidays, to allow sufficient time to complete the works without disrupting teaching and learning.

If you have any questions regarding these works, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 or email <u>schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.



