

Woollahra Public School

Works notification | 20 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 3 February 2025, we found mould in the carpet in two Kindergarten classrooms in Building A at Woollahra Public School.

On Tuesday 4 February we engaged an independent hygienist to assess the mould and test the flooring for suspected asbestos. The classrooms were not listed on the school's asbestos register.

Test results confirmed the tiles under the carpet contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

The administration hall carpet tiles in Building A are also listed on the school's asbestos register. We will remove these tiles and replace the carpet in the hall at the same time as the classrooms.

The asbestos tiles in all areas are undisturbed but as a precaution the classrooms have been locked and made out of bounds to students and staff.

Lessons will be relocated to the demountable classroom and the library room until works are completed.

Specialist contractors will remove the asbestos tiles in the areas and replace the carpet. This work is scheduled to take place between 7 pm Friday 21 February and 7 pm Sunday 23 February 2025.

At the same time, the mould will be cleaned and remediated.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Following the asbestos and mould removal, the independent hygienist will issue a clearance certificate and the carpet will be replaced. The rooms will be added to the school's asbestos register.

The classrooms are scheduled to be reopened for use by students and staff on Thursday 28 February 2025.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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