

Goulburn High School

Works notification | 22 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Winter School Holidays, we carried out mould removal work at Goulburn High School, as we notified you in the [works notification](#) from 4 June 2024.

While completing this work, friable asbestos was detected- in 2 classrooms and a storeroom.

The rooms were already isolated as part of the planned remediation.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled or reduce to a powder by light pressure. If fibres become airborne and inhaled, they can pose a health risk.

For more information, you can read the [NSW Health asbestos fact sheet](#).

On the advice of the independent hygienist as a precautionary safety measure, Building C was closed as of Monday 22 July 2024.

Further tests will be carried out by an independent hygienist to identify the source of the asbestos, and to develop a Remediation Action Plan (RAP).

The RAP will provide recommendations and help to determine what next steps are required.

Due to the complex nature of the investigations, this is likely to take several weeks.

Changes to school operations

We are waiting for advice from the hygienist on the safe retrieval of personal belongings, teaching and student resources including HSC works and equipment from Building C.

Arrangements will be made by the school leadership team to ensure continuity of teaching and learning.

This may mean timetable changes and classroom allocations might need to be temporarily rearranged.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws 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 health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

