

Maitland High School

Works notification | 3 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As part of planned maintenance, we are removing and replacing bonded asbestos and lead-containing material in 3 Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) rooms in Building W at Maitland High School.

As these materials remain undisturbed, this building and associated rooms are able to be used as usual.

Term 4 planned maintenance - ceiling and wall works

Three TAS rooms in Building W have encapsulated and undisturbed asbestos-containing material in the ceiling panels, lead dust within the roof cavity and lead-containing paint on the ceilings and walls.

Work to remediate these areas is scheduled to take place between Saturday 14 December and Sunday 15 December 2024. The paint will be removed by wet stripping and repainting.

These 3 rooms will be isolated from students and staff before work starts. Alternative classroom spaces in the building will be available for the storage of HSC works.

NSW Health explains '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'.

Woodwork rooms 1 and 2 in Building W will be closed for the last week of Term 4 2024. The rest of the classrooms in this building will receive clearance on Monday 16 December 2024 and can continue to be used for the last week of the school year as required.

More information on woodwork rooms 1 and 2 temporary closure

The ceiling panels in woodwork room 1 and room 2 contain bonded asbestos, as listed in the school's asbestos register, and are also coated with lead-containing paint. The rooms' walls also have lead-containing paint.

To minimise disruptions to learning, work to remediate the lead-containing paint and the bonded asbestos ceilings will take place from 14 December 2024 and will continue during the Summer School Holidays 2024-25 for this room. Repairs in the rooms may continue into the first 2 to 3 weeks during Term 1 2025 if weather and other conditions are unsuitable during the planned period.

Students that need to continue working on their woodwork projects will be supported to use the design room while rooms 1 and 2 are being remediated.



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All work will be done in accordance with work, health, and safety laws. All work will be completed by licensed contractors and monitored by an independent hygienist.

Following this work the building will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance will be issued before the classrooms are reopened.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.