Wollongong High School of Performing Arts Works notification | 19 June 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 2 June 2025, staff raised concerns about suspected mould in 6 rooms in Block C at Wollongong High School of Performing Arts. These rooms include 3 woodwork rooms, 2 storerooms and a staffroom.

The next day, an independent hygienist was engaged for testing and advice. The hygienist recommended that mould remediation works were necessary in 4 of the rooms, including 2 woodwork rooms, 1 storeroom and the staffroom. Due to differing levels of mould, the independent hygienist advised that all rooms except the storeroom could be used until the area is fully remediated. The storeroom is locked and remains out of bounds to staff.

A specialist mould cleaning contractor attended the school from Tuesday 17 June 2025 to do an environmental clean of the affected ceilings and walls. Work is expected to continue for up to 2 more days during school hours with appropriate safety measures including air cleaner machines in place, which will run for up to 72 hours after the work is complete.

When work is finished, all 6 rooms will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated before the storeroom is reopened.

Please be aware of the preventative measures as advised by <u>NSW Health's mould factsheet</u> to help avoid mould growth and follow these steps as best you can. These measures include maximising natural ventilation where possible by opening windows and doors and using mechanical ventilation such as fans and dehumidifiers as needed.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



