

Muswellbrook High School

School holiday works notification | 17 July 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning.

This is to notify you of work where planned maintenance over the holidays involved unexpectedly working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance over the winter school holidays

During planned maintenance to replace flooring in Building K and remove external sunshades in Building C, suspected asbestos containing material was uncovered in vinyl tiles located under the carpet in a hallway in Building K and in external ceiling eaves outside the staff room in Building C.

Work immediately stopped and an independent occupational hygienist was engaged to arrange remediation.

Testing by the occupational hygienist has confirmed no asbestos containing material was present in the vinyl tiles in Building K and work could proceed as planned.

Work to remediate the ceiling eaves took place during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023. The area was cordoned off within the work site and additional safety measures in place before remediation started.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The external ceiling area in Building C was inspected by the independent occupational hygienist, and the contractor received a clearance certificate to continue work. The planned maintenance work is now finished, and the areas were opened for the start of Term.

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.

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

