

Gunnedah High School

School holiday works notification - Summer | February 2024

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school communities.

The school holidays are the ideal time for a lot of maintenance and project work to take place in schools across the state without disrupting learning. The Summer school holiday period is our busiest of the year as this extended time allows us to complete work that takes longer or may be more disruptive.

Planned work over the school holidays at some schools may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos containing material. This may include remediation or removal of material, or sampling. This notification is to let you know about work that took place at your school involving these materials.

Repairs completed over the Summer school holidays

Over the Summer school holidays we repaired an eave in the outdoor walkway near Building B at Gunnedah High School. Part of this work involved repairing a panel suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precaution, the damaged eave material was removed for testing, and a hygienist was engaged. Testing confirmed the material contained asbestos.

Over the summer holiday period the eaves in the walkway area were covered. Work to remove and replace the rest of the eave sheets and repair the remaining framework will be scheduled once licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled.

All work involving asbestos containing materials took place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work started. Work was and will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws 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 independent hygienist inspected the walkway and provided the school with a clearance certificate for the walkway's use for the start of Term 1, 2024, and the school's asbestos register has been updated. We will update you when the rest of the walkway work has been scheduled.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

