

Matraville Sports High School

Works notification | 21 July 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We would like to provide an update on the remediation of asbestos at Matraville Sports High School.

As advised in our [notification issued on 26 June 2025](#), an independent hygienist proactively inspected the ceiling cavities of buildings A, B, C, D, E and F during the Winter School Holidays, between Monday 7 July and Monday 14 July 2025. Buildings H and I, which are used as storage facilities, were excluded from this testing as they were considered low risk.

Testing of the ceiling cavities found no evidence of asbestos containing materials in the ceilings of all buildings except for A and C. Testing of the roof cavity in Building C returned positive results for friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. Because of its shared ceiling void, the ceiling cavity of Building A is also being treated as contaminated.

Testing of accumulated dust in all buildings, including A and C, produced negative results, meaning that asbestos fibres were not detected in the classrooms and spaces used by students and staff in those buildings. This confirmed that any asbestos found or suspected was safely contained within the roof cavity and posed minimal health risk.

Air monitoring was in place while the inspections were conducted, which consistently returned results below the minimum detectable limit. This means they were consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. < 0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

Work to encapsulate the ceilings of Buildings A and C is underway in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist. This work includes:

- Removing electrical fittings, fixtures and fans and installing plastic ceiling lining.
- Constructing a false ceiling with an air-tight cavity between the roof space and rooms.
- Smoke testing all rooms to ensure that there is an air-tight seal to isolate the ceiling cavity.
- Cleaning all surfaces.
- Obtaining clearance certification from an independent hygienist for usual school activities to resume.

Work to remediate all rooms in **Building C** will continue throughout the remaining Winter School Holidays. Once finished, the independent hygienist will return to inspect the building and confirm it can be reopened in time for usual school activities from Day 1 Term 3.



Work to remediate the ceiling cavities in **Building A** will continue throughout Term 3. Activities scheduled for the upper floor of this building will be relocated to other classrooms and access will be restricted until work is finished and a clearance certificate is issued by an independent hygienist. The lower floor is not affected and usual school activities can continue in this part of the building.

Air monitoring will continue to remain in place around these buildings.

Building G will remain wrapped and non-operational for the remainder of 2025 while we work with the independent hygienist to inform the long-term future of this building.

All work will be carried out in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Please contact School Infrastructure on 1300 482 651 or at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au if you have questions about this work.

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support of our school community at this time.