

Matraville Sports High School

Works notification | 20 February 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

High potential and gifted education update

We are pleased to advise that high potential and gifted education (HPGE) upgrades are continuing at Matraville Sports High School.

Under the HPGE program, 33 high schools including Matraville Sports High School will receive facility upgrades to accommodate increased enrolments, broaden educational opportunities and facilitate the delivery of tailored HPGE offerings.

Following the works notification issued in December 2025, the refurbishment of learning spaces in Building C at Matraville Sports High School is continuing.

As part of these works, we are removing known bonded asbestos-containing material from the floor tiles in 8 classrooms. These areas are listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

All asbestos-containing material will be removed outside of school hours with access securely restricted, between Monday 23 February and Friday 6 March 2026.

An independent hygienist has been engaged to oversee the works and conduct air monitoring and testing following the removal of asbestos-containing materials. A clearance certificate will be provided before construction restarts.

Building A repairs

On Monday 16 February 2026 outside of school hours, damage to the external wall panel in the form of a small hole was identified in Building A at Matraville Sports High School.

An independent hygienist was engaged, and on inspection the panel was discovered to contain friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Repair of the wall panel took place on Tuesday 17 February 2026 between 6:45 am and 7:30 am. The independent hygienist returned to inspect the work and a clearance certificate was issued.

Out of an abundance of caution, the hygienist inspected inside Building A where a hole inside a food technology cupboard was discovered. While no visible dust was identified and the hygienist was satisfied there was 'no inherent risk' in this building, we treated this hole as suspected to contain asbestos. Access to the cupboard was immediately restricted.

The hole was repaired outside of school hours on Thursday 19 February 2026 and inspected by the hygienist who provided clearance.

This location is not in an area identified on the SAMP. The register will be updated to include this recent find.

Since March 2025, regular air monitoring has been conducted across the site which has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, meaning it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.



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All asbestos-related work is done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work is completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

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

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