

Matraville Sports High School – reopening

Thursday 27 March

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following our [notification on 23 March 2025](#) we are pleased to advise that **Matraville Sports High School will reopen and return to usual operations on Thursday 27 March 2025 following clearance from the independent hygienist and SafeWork NSW.**

Building G (school hall) update

Work to contain the friable asbestos material in Building G was carried out between Sunday 23 March – Wednesday 26 March.

Work involved encapsulating the affected eaves twice in plastic. As a further precaution, the whole of Building G was encapsulated in plastic to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

Building G will remain visibly wrapped and out of bounds until further notice. An exclusion zone has been established, with clear signage, around the building using temporary fencing which will also remain in place until further notice.

Scaffolding was put up around Building G while the initial remediation work was being undertaken. The scaffolding will be removed outside of school hours on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March.

Temporary fencing was established between Matraville Sports High School and Chifley Public School during the non-operational period. This fencing will be scheduled for removal once the school returns to normal operations.

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

Safety clearance

Air monitoring was in place while work was happening and has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is 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.

SafeWork NSW inspected the site on Wednesday 26 March and provided formal clearance that the school is safe for reopening.

Regular ongoing air monitoring of all other buildings on the school site will continue as an additional safety measure.



Next steps

Building G will remain non-operational until further notice. Activities that were scheduled to take place in Building G will be moved to other rooms as required. There will be no other operational impacts to the school.

The school will communicate directly with students and families to provide information on any changes to classroom schedules.

A Remediation Action Plan is being developed by the independent hygienist to inform the long-term actions for Building G. An update will be provided on this in early Term 2.

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

For questions relating to the operations of the school including student attendance, please contact Mr London, Deputy Principal, Matraville Sports High School on 02 9661 8000.

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

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