

# Matraville Sports High School

## Works notification | 28 April 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Further to our works notification issued on [Monday 20 April](#), we would like to provide you with an update on our work to address hazardous materials in blocks A and C at Matraville Sports High School.

The ground floor ceiling void containing friable asbestos was discovered when our contractor drilled a hole through the ceiling lining during construction work. The technical scope of works was developed last week to secure this hole, which involved installing 2 layers of builders' plastic around the hole and sealing with industrial adhesive.

The independent hygienist returned to inspect the hole and conduct air monitoring. The results of this inspection and testing satisfied the hygienist that the hole was securely sealed and a clearance certificate was issued on Friday 17 April 2026.

Although the hygienist provided clearance for the buildings to reopen for usual lessons, out of abundance of caution we continued to isolate the buildings while we addressed the ground floor ceiling void in accordance with the technical scope of works.

This work involved installing a false ceiling by applying 2 layers of builders' plastic below the existing ceiling, adding galvanised steel channels to create a level surface and topping with gyprock.

Additional testing was conducted to confirm the cavity was securely sealed. The independent hygienist returned to inspect the work and provide clearance for the first-floor classrooms to reopen for lessons from Tuesday 28 April 2026. The ground-floor classrooms will remain closed while construction is underway.

We sincerely apologise to any staff who were concerned about exposure to asbestos from the beginning of Term 2. There was a delay between finalising the below notice and receiving clearance from the independent hygienist. We have taken this on board and will work to improve these processes going forward.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.

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### Works notification issued Monday 20 April 2026

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

In addition to the works notification issued in [February 2026](#), the ground-floor classrooms in buildings A and C at Matraville Sports High School have been isolated from students and staff. This is to enable construction activities in these spaces, which continued through Term 1 and into the autumn school holidays.

As part of these works, a void in the shared ground-floor ceiling of these buildings was discovered. Within that void, material suspected to contain asbestos was identified on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This is separate to the asbestos in the first-floor ceiling void we notified you about in [July 2025](#), which has since been cleared by an independent hygienist.



An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed the material contains friable asbestos. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Air monitoring 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. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

Out of an abundance of caution, the first-floor classrooms in buildings A and C have been isolated and classes relocated to other spaces until further notice. This is in addition to the ground-floor classrooms which are currently unavailable due to construction activities.

A technical scope of works to inform the actions needed to address the hazardous material is currently being developed in consultation with the independent hygienist.

Construction will continue in other areas of the school. Once the technical scope of works is finalised, all required actions are done and the area is cleared by the independent hygienist, construction will resume in buildings A and C and the first-floor classrooms in these buildings will reopen.

All work will be done 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.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.