

The Henry Lawson High School

School holiday works notification | 26 April 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning.

Planned maintenance over the holidays may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material. This is to notify you of work that took place during the Term 1 school holidays.

Planned maintenance activities between 7 April – 24 April 2023

During the school holidays, maintenance works at The Henry Lawson High School to repair damages caused by excess storm water included working with asbestos containing material in the covered walkway and stairwells in Building D and E.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist prior to the maintenance starting confirmed the material was bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Safety measures and monitoring were in place and the area remained out of bounds to anyone on site until the asbestos removal and associated maintenance work was finished.

The area was remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations 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 hygienist inspected the area to confirm it had been fully remediated, and the school received a clearance certificate before the area was reopened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

