

Bourke High School

School holiday works notification - Summer | February 2024

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school communities.

The school holidays are the ideal time for a lot of maintenance and project work to take place in schools across the state without disrupting learning. The Summer school holiday period is our busiest of the year as this extended time allows us to complete work that takes longer or may be more disruptive.

Planned work over the school holidays at some schools may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos containing material. This may include remediation or removal of material, or sampling. This notification is to let you know about work that took place at your school involving these materials.

Repairs undertaken over the Summer school holidays

Over the Summer school holidays we did work at Bourke High School to repair some ceilings and flooring in several rooms in Buildings B and C that had been damaged by water from a heavy rain event. During this work, material was uncovered not previously listed on the school's asbestos register.

During the ceiling repair work in Building C, contractors discovered material in a work room and the student's toilets suspected to contain asbestos. Testing confirmed this. The area was cordoned off and work to remove the ceiling material took place during 30 – 31 January 2024.

During flooring replacement work in a classroom in Building B, vinyl tiles found underneath the carpet were also tested and confirmed as containing asbestos. The area was cordoned off and work to remove the vinyl material took place on 5 February 2024.

All work involving asbestos containing materials took place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work started.

Work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws 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 buildings were inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm remediation. The contractors received a clearance certificate from an independent hygienist to continue maintenance work. All work is finished, and the rooms are open for use in Term 1, 2024.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

