

Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School

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Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are writing to provide you an update on remediation work taking place at Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Library ceiling remediation work

On Monday 18 March 2024, damage in the library ceiling was detected at the school. The library was immediately locked and made out of bounds to students and staff. The ceiling was previously tested as negative for asbestos.

Work is now underway to scrape away loose material and repaint the ceiling sheets. We expect this work to take a week to complete. All work will take place outside of school hours.

Once the library has been remediated it will be re-opened for regular operations.

Classroom ceiling remediation work

On Tuesday 19 March 2024, ceilings in two classrooms were inspected in Building D and loose material was discovered. The rooms were immediately locked and made inaccessible to students and staff. Classes have been moved to another part of the school.

The ceilings in these classrooms were previously tested and found not to contain asbestos. However, the ceiling void above these rooms is known to have asbestos containing material as per the school's asbestos register.

Work will take place to repair the ceilings during the Autumn School Holiday period. This work does not include the ceiling void. This period may include from the end of the school day on Friday 12 April 2024 up to the first day of Term 2 for staff on Monday 29 April 2024.

Both classrooms will remain inaccessible with additional safety measures, including air monitoring, put in place before the work starts.

The classrooms will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before they are reopened.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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.

