

Swansea High School

School holiday works notification | 21 July 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.

This is to notify you of work where planned maintenance over the holidays involved unexpectedly working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material.

Remediation activities during planned maintenance over the winter school holidays

During routine inspections led by an independent occupational hygienist at Swansea High School, known asbestos containing material was identified in the roof cavity of Building A.

The independent occupational hygienist provided recommendations to support the ongoing maintenance work to encapsulate the material within the roof cavity.

The roof area is inaccessible to students and staff. As a precaution, all rooms below the first level ceiling were cordoned off and air monitoring was put in place.

The area was remediated during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023. This included the encapsulation of the ceiling cavity including sealing of any penetrations and gaps.

Work was done 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 rooms were inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated, and the school received a clearance certificate before the rooms are reopened for the start of Term. The maintenance work is now completed.

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.

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

