

Swansea High School

Works notification | 31 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Some school maintenance work at Swansea High School involves working with asbestos containing material. This notification is to provide an update on the work in planning and underway.

Roof inspection in the Administration Building

Further to the notification distributed on 21 July 2023, we are continuing inspections in the roof cavity of Building A at Swansea High School as part of detailed planning for the roof replacement.

The roof cavity and wall cavities within Building A will be inspected by an independent occupational hygienist on Tuesday 15 August 2023, outside school hours.

The affected areas are sealed off and inaccessible to students, staff, and visitors. Safety measures, including air monitoring will be in place during inspections and all work zones will be out of bounds while work is carried out.

Following the inspection, planning will continue for any remediation required before the roof replacement work starts. We will keep the community informed.

Toilet refurbishment in Building D

We are refurbishing the toilets in Building D. As part of this, we have to work with asbestos containing material in the ceiling linings and toilet partitions in the boys' toilet only. Work to remove these toilet partitions and ceiling linings is planned to take place on Saturday 19 August 2023.

The toilets continue to be safely used prior to work starting, as the ceiling and the partitions are undisturbed. The toilets will be cordoned off before the work starts.

Managing work involving asbestos containing materials

All work involving asbestos containing material detailed above will take place outside of school hours with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

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

Where remediation is undertaken, all areas will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before they are reopened, or maintenance work continues.

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