

# Whitebridge High School

School holiday works notification - Summer | February 2023

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.

## Planned work over the Summer school holidays

As part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition, planned maintenance at Whitebridge High School involved testing the ceiling material in Building E.

As part of this testing, we identified asbestos containing material in the vermiculite ceiling in a locked electrical distribution cupboard in Building E which was not previously listed on the asbestos register. The ceiling material, which was in good condition, was encapsulated under the guidance of an independent hygienist on 18 January 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.

Following the encapsulation the school has received a clearance certificate. The room will remain locked when not being used and will continue to be accessed by contractors as required.

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.

