

Barrenjoey High School

Works notification | 9 February 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Planned work – removal of thermacon heaters in Building E.

Works will be carried out to remove the thermacon heaters in both the drama room and staff room in Building E as part of approved refurbishments. Due to the age of the thermacon heaters, it is assumed that they were manufactured with an asbestos containing material.

This work will take place on Saturday 24 February 2024.

As part of our regular maintenance programs and to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff and students across the state we are continuing our vermiculite testing program.

Vermiculite is a textured ceiling finish, also known as popcorn ceilings. Some vermiculite coatings contain asbestos, requiring testing and remediation if asbestos is found to be present.

Independent occupational hygienists have been engaged to test samples at Barrenjoey High School in the drama room and two storerooms in Building E.

The rooms will remain in use as the thermacon heaters and ceilings are currently undisturbed. The rooms will be locked and cordoned off once the work starts with additional safety measures and monitoring will be put in place.

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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines. When the remediation work is finished, the contractor will receive a clearance certificate and the rooms will be reopened ready for use.

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.

