

Galston High School

School holiday works notification | June 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.

Planned maintenance over the holidays may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material. This is to notify you of this work.

Planned maintenance over the winter school holidays

We are refurbishing the flooring in Buildings A, H, and S at Galston High School. As part of this work, asbestos containing glue located under the tiles will need to be removed.

The rooms are being safely used at present as the glue remains undisturbed under the floor tiles.

Work to remove the glue will take place **during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023.**

The work areas will be cordoned off before works start, and safety measures and monitoring put in place under the advice of an independent hygienist. They will remain out of bounds to anyone visiting the school site until the removal work is finished.

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.

The rooms will be inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before the flooring work continues.

Proactive investigations over the winter school holidays

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 Galston High School in the Administration Building (AM), Building HC, and the Science Building (S3).

This testing will take place **during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023.**

The rooms are currently in use as the material is undisturbed.

Following testing, the independent occupational hygienist will advise whether remediation is required.

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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.

