

# Willyama High School

Works notification | 23 January 2024

Dear parents, carers, staff and neighbours,

Following on from the notification provided to the school community on Friday 19 January 2024, we have an update on the mould impacting Willyama High School and the work currently planned to occur this week.

## Background

On 9 January 2024, mould was identified at the school. Due to the severe heat and humidity over the school holidays, mould developed from moisture in various areas. On 16 January 2024 an independent occupational hygienist attended the school to conduct sampling and provided initial recommendations indicating that remediation work could be completed in time for Term 1 on 8 February 2024.

## Updated advice from the independent hygienist

Based on laboratory analysis of sampling results received on Monday 22 January, the independent occupational hygienist is revising their recommendations for remediation measures. The work will now be more extensive and therefore will take longer.

Unfortunately, this means work will not be finished in time for the start of the school year on 8 February 2024.

## Next steps

We are working closely with Willyama High School leadership on arrangements for face-to-face learning for all students for the start of the school year.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority, and we will be guided by the expert advice.

Once the plan has been finalised and scope for work required at the school is confirmed, we will provide more detail to the community.

From Wednesday 24 January, qualified and experienced contractors will begin entering affected areas of the school to undertake further assessments. Workers will be dressed in Personal Protective Equipment and all necessary precautionary safety measures will be in place.

## Keeping you informed

We are committed to continuing to keep the school community updated as we progress with our work.

If you have any questions about this remediation work, please do not hesitate to contact School Infrastructure NSW on [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

If you have questions about the return to school on Day 1, Term 1 2024, then please contact [ruralsouthandwestod@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ruralsouthandwestod@det.nsw.edu.au)

