

Muirfield High School

Works notification | 8 February 2023

Dear parents/carers and staff,

As you are aware, on Sunday 29 January 2023 a fire caused extensive damage to the top floor of Building C2 at Muirfield High School. The fire impacted a home economics classroom, commercial kitchen, prep room, storeroom, and laundry. The ground floor of the building which includes woodwork TAS workshops was also impacted by water damage as a result.

The building was cordoned off and has not been in use since. A safety exclusion zone and temporary fencing around the perimeter of the building were installed and preliminary works to make electricity and gas safe were also completed.

Our local School Infrastructure team is working closely with Muirfield High School and following all expert advice.

Update on works to date

Qualified occupational hygienists have been on site investigating and installed air monitoring as a safety precaution. The results of testing conducted by the hygienists indicate there is no airborne asbestos material or harmful gases remaining from burnt plastics or building materials.

We engaged an independent building engineer who has provided a report that the building is structurally sound.

Next steps

Following this advice from the hygienist and building engineer, works have started on the ground floor of Building C2 to repair the damage and reopen the learning spaces.

Works on the ground floor are expected to be finished so that the rooms can be used from Monday 13 February 2023.

Works to remediate the impacted rooms on the top level of the building will start shortly, and these works include the removal of all fire-impacted material before replacing furniture, joinery, and equipment.

In the meantime, we are working with the school to prepare the site for the delivery of a temporary demountable building that will include two home economics classrooms.

Keeping you informed

The health and wellbeing of our staff, students and the community is our highest priority.

We will continue to keep the school community updated on works at Muirfield High School.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to manage this situation.

