

Newcastle 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

As part of routine maintenance checks at Newcastle High School, some lead containing material was identified within the paint of some rooms in Building A.

We will be remediating this paint over the upcoming school holiday period. The work will include applying a new coat of paint to all worn surfaces, including doors and skirting boards. The rooms will be cordoned off before works start, and safety measures and air monitoring put in place under the supervision of an independent occupational hygienist. The rooms will remain out of bounds to anyone visiting the school site until the remediation work is finished.

We are also replacing the electrical switchboard in Building G, which requires removing asbestos containing material from the wall sheet, and replacing the flooring in the staff study in Building C. This requires removing asbestos containing vinyl tiles from underneath the existing carpet. These areas are all currently being used as the asbestos containing material remains sealed off and undisturbed.

The above work will all place **during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023.**

The areas will all be inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the areas are reopened for the start of next term.

All work will be undertaken by licenced and accredited contractors in accordance with all applicable guidelines and standards.

The independent occupational hygienist will also be conducting further testing in Buildings B and C and will advise if any further precautionary maintenance is required. The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. The department is working closely with NSW Health and the school leadership and will continue to keep the community updated.

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

