

# Terrigal High School

## Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As part of planned maintenance work, we are preparing for the roof replacement of Building B in the Summer Holiday period (2024-2025) at Terrigal High School.

Material in the roof cavity of this building contains lead. Based on the advice of an independent hygienist, the first stage is to encapsulate and secure the lead-containing materials in the roof cavity.

To minimise disruptions to learning, this encapsulation work was done outside of school hours in the recent Spring School Holiday period, between 28 September until 13 October 2024.

During this period, the roof and ceiling cavities in the library and internal walkways of Building B were covered with black plastic material. This visible encapsulation will remain in place during Term 4 until the roof replacement is completed.

As a precaution, work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with safety measures in place before the work started.

All encapsulation work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws.

During the school holidays, we also conducted additional testing in the roof cavities of Buildings A and C. These secure roof cavities also returned positive results for lead.

At the advice of the independent hygienist, licenced contractors thoroughly cleaned top floor rooms, including windowsills, door frames, fans, and other places where dust may settle.

Air monitoring was performed for all buildings during the school holiday period, and results were below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

The independent hygienist inspected all buildings and provided clearance for them to be re-opened on Day 1 of Term 4 and recommended air-monitoring and enhanced cleaning practices will remain in place for Buildings A and C for the remainder of Term 4.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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