NSW Public Schools School holiday works notification - Summer | December 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school communities.

The school holidays are the ideal time for a lot of maintenance and project work to take place in schools across the state without disrupting learning. The Summer school holiday period is our busiest of the year as this extended time allows us to complete work that takes longer or may be more disruptive.

Planned work over the school holidays at some schools may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material. This may include remediation or removal of material, or sampling. This notification is to let you know about work taking place at your school involving these materials.

Planned work over the Summer school holidays

We will be doing work involving hazardous materials at your school **during the Summer school holidays.** This period may include **from the end of Tuesday 19 December 2023** up to when students return to school the **morning of Thursday 1 February 2024.**

For more information about the type of work and location within your school grounds, see the listing for your school on our website: <u>https://edu.nsw.link/HolidayWork</u>.

Where work involves these hazardous materials, an independent occupational hygienist is engaged to monitor the work. The relevant area will be cordoned off before work starts, and safety measures and monitoring put in place.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and relevant plans including 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.

When the remediation component of the work is finished, the relevant areas will be inspected by the hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened for next term. If the area is part of broader work that needs to continue, the contractor will receive a clearance certificate to continue work. 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.

For more information please visit <u>https://edu.nsw.link/HolidayWork</u>.

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

