

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Works notification | March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Thursday 29 February 2024, mould was detected in Block H room 4 at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, due to a water leak. As a precautionary measure students and staff in rooms 1-4 on the ground level of Block H have been relocated to other classrooms in the school.

We engaged an occupational hygienist to assist with our investigations. During these investigations vinyl tiles containing asbestos were located under the carpet, and a leak in the floor was identified as the source of the mould. The school has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos. The vinyl tiles were listed on this plan. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to replace the carpet, remove the tiles and remediate this room will take place on Saturday 9 March 2024. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours. The rooms are locked and will remain inaccessible, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts. Students and staff will continue learning and teaching in their relocated classrooms until all work, including work to repair the wall leak, is complete.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and 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. The rooms will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before they are reopened.

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.

