NOTICE OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL

During the building work being undertaken to upgrade Swansea High’s TAS (Industrial Arts – Woodwork and Metalwork) some asbestos was discovered in the vermiculite ceiling cover in one room at the far end of the building. The decision was made to remove the asbestos rather than covering it (which was an option). The basis for this decision was, that when an opportunity arises to remove asbestos, it is in the best interests of all to do so.

The areas where the asbestos is being removed and handled will be completely sealed with all work undertaken in accordance with relevant State Acts, Regulations, Codes of Practice and Department Policy. Some of the key points that the contractor must comply with include:

- NSW Work Health and Safety Act and Regulation 2011
- Work Cover Code of Practice How to manage and control asbestos in the workplace
- WorkCover Code of Practice How to safely remove asbestos
- Environmentally Hazardous Chemicals Act 1985 (NSW)
- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 (NSW)
- WorkCover NSW Guide for applicants for asbestos removal and asbestos assessor licences and notification

The work will be conducted outside of school hours from 6pm – 4am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday night the work will begin at 10.30pm to enable the Caves Beach Concert to be held. No asbestos will be removed from the sealed site until Saturday when no students or staff are in attendance and there is a day buffer before students and staff return.

The additional precautions to ensure proper methodology and compliance are spot checks by the site foreman from Kingston Building throughout the nights and an independent hygienist company who monitors the air daily. The following documents are available on the Swansea High Website under information for Parents and if you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

1. Kingston’s – Notice of Asbestos Removal
2. Environmental and Safety Professionals – Remedial Action Plan (This company is the independent hygienist that determines the work methodology and undertakes the air monitoring)

I feel very confident after much consultation with all parties that the process is complying with all requirements and that the safety of all members of the community are paramount in the planning and execution of the removal.

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