

Message for Harrison School community

Monday 15 October 2018

Dear parents and carers

I hope you've enjoyed a restful holiday break and your children are looking forward to returning to school.

There has been a considerable amount of work happening on the school campus during the past two weeks and the remediation plan to remove all the asbestos-containing material affected gravel fill and vegetation from the garden beds is now complete. The temporary fencing used to isolate each garden bed in the school has also been removed, in consultation with WorkSafe ACT.

Some temporary fencing consisting of star pickets and construction netting has been placed on some ground-level garden beds to protect students from a trip or fall hazard.

We have received clearance from the licensed asbestos assessor for all garden beds.

The only area that remains to be cleared is a recently installed driveway adjacent to Nullarbor Avenue. This driveway was constructed on top of recycled garden bed material and requires demolition by a licensed asbestos removalist. There was insufficient time during the term break to undertake the demolition work. As advised by the licensed asbestos assessor, this area is being sealed to prevent any dislodgement of material and fenced off until the material is removed. This work will take place outside of school operational hours, during the end-of-year break.

WorkSafe ACT continues its investigation into the source of the material used in the garden beds.

Initial planning for the rehabilitation of the garden beds has commenced and the school community will have an opportunity for input into the final arrangements of the gardens. I will provide you with a further update regarding the design process and timing, once the landscaping plan has been finalised.

I would like to ask parents and carers to take care when using the car parks and follow the direction of traffic management staff, who will be on site on Monday and Tuesday in the first week of term to assist at drop off and pick up times as required.

In the meantime, you can contact me or the Directorate's community contact Jo Mulligan on 6205 9137 or Jo.Mulligan@act.gov.au if you have any further queries.



Regards,

Jason Holmes
Principal