

Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

27 May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

During work to remove the remaining known asbestos containing material in the heritage building at Newcastle East Public School on the weekend, material was found in the OOSH which is suspected to contain asbestos.

Following the planned removal of a wall in the OOSH toilet, a wall panel was identified that was previously encapsulated by the removed wall and the tile wall lining in the kitchen. It is suspected that the wall panel contains bonded asbestos, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution, the area remains isolated and air monitoring is continuing. All air monitoring results have returned acceptable ambient air levels. (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL).

The additional removal work will be carried out on Saturday 30 May 2020 and Sunday 31 May 2020 as part of planned works to the remediate block B. No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours.

The work will take place in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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