

# Ettalong Public School

## Works notification | 1 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 19 July 2024, during a routine inspection conducted during the recent Winter School Holiday period, damage to an external wall sheet located on Building H at Ettalong Public School was identified and reported.

The area was cordoned off from students and staff until the repairs could be completed.

The wall sheeting contained bonded asbestos material, as identified on the school's asbestos register. This means it was attached to other materials such as a painted surface, tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to assess and provide advice for the repair of the wall sheet.

Work to remove the material took place outside of school hours on Saturday 27 July 2024.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the work, the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate was issued before it was reopened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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