Lambton Public School Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 26 September 2024, following heavy rain, damage was identified and reported for the ceiling panels in 2 classrooms in Building C at Lambton Public School. The ceiling material in these classrooms are listed on the school's asbestos register. An independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring and provide advice.

As a precaution, the classrooms were isolated from students and staff until the material could be repaired. Alternative classrooms within Building C were arranged.

The material in the ceiling panel contains bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register, which means it is attached to other materials such as 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.

To prevent any disruption to learning, work to repair the ceilings took place outside of school hours on Saturday 5 October 2024, during the recent Spring School Holiday period 2024. Following the work, the rooms were inspected by an independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the classrooms for use Day 1 Term 4 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. Safety measures and air monitoring will be in place before the work starts.

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.



