

Lithgow Public School

Works notification | 27 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 19 February 2024, a staff member noticed a section of damaged wall underneath a poster in a classroom in Building D at Lithgow Public School. A contractor was called to patch the wall and identified packing material inside the wall cavity behind the wall sheeting that they suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precaution, the room was cordoned off from staff and students, the damaged wall was secured, and the material was tested. This testing confirmed the packing material behind the wall sheeting contains asbestos.

As this wall was not listed on the school's asbestos register, further inspections were carried out by the hygienist and an additional classroom wall in Building D was identified as needing remediation.

Both classrooms have been isolated, and the school's asbestos register has been updated.

Work to encapsulate and secure the walls in these two classrooms is scheduled and will take place after school hours on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March 2024. Additional safety measures and air monitoring will be in place before the work starts.

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

After the work is finished the school received a clearance certificate from the independent hygienist to reopen the classrooms.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

