

Maitland East Public School

Works notification | 29 October 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are repairing the east- and west-facing external wall panels of the Support Unit building at Maitland East Public School, after they were damaged on Friday 24 October.

When the damage was found, the area was made out of bounds, the affected wall panels were covered with plastic tarps, and a sample of the in-fill material sent for testing.

An independent hygienist was engaged to carry out the testing, undertake air monitoring and provide advice.

Testing confirmed the sample contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

Air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

The independent hygienist has cleared the area to be reopened, however the area remains cordoned off until repairs are finished. As the damage is external, support classes are able to continue inside the building.

Repairs are scheduled for Saturday 8 November. All work involving asbestos-containing materials are taking place outside of school hours, when students are not onsite.

The outside of school hours care service is on the other side of the school and operates as usual.

Safety measures include temporary barriers or fencing, restricted access to the affected area, signage and air monitoring. Workers are wearing personal protective equipment in line with safety requirements.

The east- and west-facing external walls of the Support Unit building are not listed in the School Asbestos Management Plan. The plan will be updated to include this find as required.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work is being completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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