

Maitland East Public School

Works notification | 6 April 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The Department of Education installed new and efficient LED lighting at Maitland East Public School on 1 June 2022.

During a review we identified that the contractor had installed the lights using a method different to the established work practices for the program. The contractor drilled into a ceiling with known asbestos containing materials in a classroom in Building G.

Following the Department of Education's protocols on the management of asbestos in schools, we engaged an independent occupational hygienist to review the work and conduct testing. As an added precaution during this time, we have also cordoned off the area to keep staff and students separate.

The hygienist attended the site on Monday 3 April and installed air monitoring. Air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detection limit (i.e., <0.01 fibres/ml).

We will continue to follow all advice and recommendations from the hygienist which may include an environmental clean of the area outside of school hours.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and the school will receive a clearance certificate.

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

Thank you for your understanding.

