

New Lambton Public School

Works notification | 19 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following a burst water pipe, we are replacing affected wall panels in the boys and girls toilets in Building B, (a general classroom block) on the northern side of New Lambton Public School.

Material in the wall panels of these toilets is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

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'.

An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake air monitoring and provide advice. Air monitoring 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.

On Tuesday 18 February 2025, after the pipe burst, the toilets were cordoned off and will remain isolated from students and staff over the next fortnight until repairs are completed. Alternative toilets are available for students to use.

Work to remove the wall panels has been scheduled for Saturday 22 February and Sunday 23 February 2025.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours. 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 will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance will be provided before affected areas are reopened.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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