

# Paxton Public School

Works notification | 4 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During a routine inspection on 15 March 2024 at Paxton Public School, a hole was found in cladding, known to be asbestos containing material, on the southern external wall of the canteen building.

As a precaution, the area was immediately fenced off and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and install air monitoring.

Testing confirmed the material in the wall contained bonded asbestos, which means it was 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.

Following advice from the hygienist the external wall has been repaired and the temporary fencing has been removed.

Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

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.

The area was inspected by the independent hygienist, the school has received a clearance certificate, and the affected area has reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

