

NSW Department of Education
Peakhurst Public School
Works notification | 21 May 2024



Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Thursday 16 May 2024, during a routine inspection at Peakhurst Public School, a crack was found in 2 floor tiles in a staff toilet in Building A. These tiles were suspected to contain bonded asbestos and as a precaution, the toilet was locked and made inaccessible to staff and students. We immediately engaged an independent hygienist to test the material and provide advice.

On Friday 17 May 2024 before school hours, the material was tested by an independent hygienist.

Testing confirmed that the tiles contain bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to another material such as vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled under 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.

Work to remove the tiles and lay new flooring will take place on Saturday 25 May 2024.

The room will be cordoned off before the work starts, and safety measures and air monitoring put in place.

The room will remain inaccessible to staff and students until work to remediate the area is completed.

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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before it is 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.

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