

# Robertson Public School

## Works notification | 1 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Further to the [works notification issued on Wednesday 31 July](#), testing carried out by an independent hygienist has confirmed the presence of friable asbestos in a ceiling area outside the canteen at Robertson Public School.

The asbestos has been classified as friable due to the bonded asbestos-containing material being cut to assess potential works in the ceiling space.

The school's asbestos register will be updated with this information.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. If fibres become airborne and inhaled, they can pose a health risk.

For more information, you can read the [NSW Health asbestos fact sheet](#).

All air monitoring to date across the site 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.

Licensed and accredited asbestos contractors will be onsite from Friday 2 August to install temporary fencing and plastic sheeting around the area in preparation for remediation work, which begins on Saturday 3 August.

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.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours and in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Air monitoring will be in place while the work is carried out. The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated.

A clearance certificate will be issued before the area is reopened. The health and wellbeing of students, staff and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

