

# Hamilton South Public School

Works notification | 5 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Friday 2 February 2024 we were doing planned electrical maintenance work at Hamilton South Public School to replace lights in a classroom.

During this work, the contractor identified material behind a lighting fixture in a classroom in Building B, suspected to contain asbestos. The material was above the ceiling sheet and was not disturbed during the work. The classroom was not being used by staff or students during the work, and it was immediately cordoned off and an independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing and provide advice.

Testing confirmed the material inside the ceiling contained asbestos. The asbestos containing material was removed on Saturday 3 February 2024 outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place.

Work was 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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The room was inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it had been remediated, and the school has received a clearance certificate to reopen the classroom for Monday.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

