

Bathurst West Public School

Works notification | 18 August 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 31 July 2025, multiple reverse cycle air conditioning units were installed as part of upgrade works at Bathurst West Public School.

During the installation, contractors damaged sections of the walls in:

- Building C – classrooms 6, 14, and 16
- Building F – storerooms 20, 22 and 23.

These walls are known to contain bonded asbestos material, as documented in the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

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”.

Affected areas were immediately closed off and an independent hygienist was engaged. The hygienist inspected the school on Thursday 31 July 2025 and oversaw the wall repairs, including overnight air monitoring.

Air monitoring to date across affected areas 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. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

The affected area has been inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued before the area was reopened.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community remain our highest priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the NSW Department of Education below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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