

# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Works notification | 27 February 2026

Dear parents, staff and carers,

During planned maintenance works on Saturday 21 February 2026 at Lake Illawarra South Public School, a contractor identified that a toilet partition had been removed from a storeroom containing a toilet in Building G. The partition was suspected to contain bonded asbestos-containing material, the area is identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

The storeroom was immediately closed and locked to students and staff.

An independent hygienist inspected the area and collected samples on Monday 23 February 2026. Testing results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos-containing material within the partition in Building G. Following the advice of the hygienist, a contractor attended the school site the same day to seal the air vents within the storeroom as a precautionary measure.

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'.

The wall partition and asbestos remediation work is scheduled to be completed after school hours on Friday 6 March 2026, and over the weekend of Saturday 7 March and Sunday 8 March 2026. Work hours will be between 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday, 6 am to 7 pm on Saturday and 7 am to 4 pm on Sunday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines. All work involving asbestos 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. Safety measures, including temporary fencing, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment, will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists, who will provide a clearance certificate before the area is reopened. As an added precaution due to the partition being removed from the wall, air monitoring and will take place during this work as an additional safety measure.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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