

Cardiff South Public School

Works notification | 8 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During a routine inspection on 2 April 2024 at Cardiff South Public School, a hole was found in a wall in a storeroom in the canteen (Building D) suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precaution, the room was immediately cordoned off and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and install air monitoring.

Testing confirmed the material in the wall contained bonded asbestos, which means it was attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by 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.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to repair the wall was completed outside of school hours on Saturday 6 April 2024. Before the room is reopened, it will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate.

Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the work, the room will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school receive a clearance certificate before the room will be 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.

