Belmont North Public School

Works notification | 12 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 5 February 2024, as part of routine maintenance work at Belmont North Public School, a contractor uncovered a section of damaged wall in a print room in Building B. The wall is known to contain asbestos material as per the school's asbestos register.

An independent hygienist was engaged, the wall was covered securely, and the room was isolated with air monitoring in place.

Work to remove and replace the wall sheeting is scheduled for Saturday 17 February 2024.

All air monitoring to date 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.

As a precaution, an environmental clean of the area was undertaken after school hours on Saturday 10 February 2024. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be 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.

After the asbestos material is removed the school will receive a clearance certificate from the independent hygienist, to re-open the room for use.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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