

Panania North Public School

Works notification | 3 July 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday 2 July 2025, a fragment of suspected asbestos fell from the ceiling of a covered walkway in Building D at Panania North Public School. This was not in an area identified on the school's asbestos register as being known to contain asbestos.

We immediately engaged a licenced asbestos contractor for advice and testing. As a precautionary measure, the walkway has been fenced off from students and staff and the broken ceiling covered with plastic.

Test results have confirmed that the fragment contain bonded asbestos.

On Monday 7 July 2025, an independent hygienist will inspect the area and undertake air monitoring and issue a clearance certificate before further work to replace the ceiling takes place.

School holiday work

Work to replace the broken ceiling panel will take place during the Winter School Holidays from the end of the school day on Friday 4 July 2025 up to Day 1 Term 3 (Tuesday 22 July 2025). As part of this work, we will also be replacing ceiling panels along the rest of the covered walkway to address general wear and tear.

All 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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Following remediation, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate will be issued before it is reopened.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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