

# Forbes North Public School

## Works notification | 11 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following heavy wind and rain over the weekend a member of staff found a portion of the verandah ceiling sheeting outside of Building E at Forbes North Public School had fallen away on Monday 9 December 2024.

This damage exposed known bonded asbestos located in the verandah ceiling void that is noted in the school asbestos register.

The building was immediately made out of bounds to staff and students, with power to Buildings D, E and F isolated due to exposed electrical wires.

Classes were relocated to other rooms on the school site to continue learning.

On Monday afternoon an independent hygienist installed air monitoring on the Building E verandah and removed the exposed asbestos, with a contractor removing the damaged ceiling sheeting.

Power to Buildings D and F was restored on Monday, with classes returning to those buildings in the afternoon.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours.



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”.

For more information on asbestos and health risks please visit the NSW Health website.

The department is currently scheduling an electrician to attend the school later this week and repair the damaged wiring in Building E before power is restored.

Building E will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the building is 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.

