

Northern Beaches Secondary College

Mackellar Girls Campus

Works notification | 5 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a recent routine inspection, a cracked ceiling sheet in the Building A staff toilet was found. This material was suspected to contain asbestos.

The area was locked and made out of bounds to students and staff.

An independent hygienist tested the material and later returned positive results for bonded asbestos. Bonded asbestos is attached to other materials, such as tiles or cement, and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work to remove and replace the cracked ceiling sheet will take place during the Winter School holidays.

Additional work will be done in the School Holidays to address mould in the storage containers near the basketball courts. These containers are not accessible to students or staff.

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 and regulations.

The independent hygienist will inspect the staff toilets and storage containers to confirm that they have been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the areas are reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

