

Heaton Public School

Works notification | 14 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The Department of Education installed new and efficient LED lighting at Heaton Public School in August 2022.

As part of a routine inspection, we identified that the work to install new LED fittings in the library and a nearby classroom and program room in Building B may have impacted the ceilings in these areas, which are known to contain asbestos.

Following the Department of Education's protocols on the management of asbestos in schools, the areas were isolated, and an independent occupational hygienist attended the site to inspect the work and conduct testing.

Air monitoring was installed as a precaution and confirmed results below the minimum detection limit (i.e., <0.01 fibres/ml).

Based on the recommendations from the hygienist, we conducted a precautionary environmental clean of the classroom and program room on Saturday 3 June 2023. These areas were reopened for teaching and learning from Monday 5 June 2023 after the hygienist issued a clearance certificate to the school.

The library will remain cordoned off until a precautionary environmental clean can be undertaken between Saturday 17 June and Sunday 18 June 2023. Following the completion of this work, the independent occupational hygienist will inspect the area and issue a clearance certificate to the school so the area can be reopened for use.

All work is being completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community continues to be our highest priority.

Thank you for your understanding.

