

Heaton Public School

Works notification | 1 August 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Monday 31 July 2023 a light located outside the library in Building B was found to have fallen from the external eaves over the weekend. The ceiling cavity in Building B is known to contain asbestos as per the school's asbestos register.

The area was immediately cordoned off and an independent asbestos hygienist was engaged to inspect the area on the same day and provide remediation recommendations.

An electrician was also engaged as the power was impacted in Building B, believed to be due to water damage.

Safety measures and air monitoring were put in place. The damaged light was disconnected and disposed of, electrical cabling was re-routed into the ceiling cavity, and the external ceiling eave was encapsulated with plywood sheeting and sealant. The electrician restored power to Building B.

The area was vacuumed using a HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) filter as instructed by the hygienist.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area outside the library will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is 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.

