

Blaxland East Public School

Works notification | 9 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The Department of Education installed new and efficient LED lighting at Blaxland East Public School in April 2023.

During a review, we identified that the contractor may have used a method different to the established work practices for the program to install new LED fittings in a temporary general learning space.

We looked into whether this work may have impacted the ceilings in this area, which is known to contain asbestos.

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

While results from this testing have confirmed the presence of some asbestos containing material in the ceiling, the independent occupational hygienist confirmed there was no visible asbestos dust or debris identified on the floor or other surfaces in the affected areas.

Work to remove all asbestos containing material will occur between Saturday 10 June, Sunday 11 June and Monday 12 June in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations 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, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The hygienist will inspect the area to ensure it has been fully remediated. The hygienist will issue the school with a clearance certificate before the area can be reopened for teaching and learning.

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

Thank you for your understanding.

