

Ashcroft Public School

Works notification | 5 April 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Following heavy rain over the weekend, part of the covered walkway between Building A and C at Ashcroft Public School collapsed. As a result, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the ceiling lining. As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

An independent hygienist has been engaged to remove the damaged walkway covering and conduct testing between Monday 3 March and Tuesday 4 March 2023. The testing will confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated 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 independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

