

Westport Public School

Works notification | 18 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 19 August 2024, an external eave was damaged in Building D at Westport Public School.

The eave was suspected to contain asbestos. As a precaution, temporary fencing was a contractor installed temporary fencing to make it inaccessible to students and staff. The eave sheet was damaged but not disturbed, so there were no fragments or debris in the area.

An independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the site, take samples for testing and recommend next steps.

On Wednesday 21 August, testing results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

On Saturday 19 October 2024 between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, the eave will be removed and replaced.

All work will be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be place while work is being done.

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

Once work is completed, a clearance certificate will be issued before the area is reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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