

Westport Public School

Works notification | 7 April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 13 March 2025, 9 panels suspected of containing asbestos were damaged across buildings B, D, E, F and H at Westport Public School.

The panels were encapsulated with plywood and we engaged an independent hygienist to take samples for testing.

On Friday 21 March, test results confirmed 5 of the panels contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that “living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged”.

Further panels were damaged in the week of 24 March in buildings B and D and were also encapsulated with plywood.

On Saturday 5 April 2025 licensed contractors removed the damaged panels between the hours of 8 am and 1 pm.

The panels will be replaced at a later date.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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.



Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au