

Wideview Public School

Works notification | 15 August 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During demolition works to upgrade the boys' and girls' toilets in Building D at Wideview Public School, suspected asbestos containing material was found within toilet partitions. Work immediately stopped, the material was covered, and the area remained isolated within the construction site.

Independent hygienists inspected the area, took samples for testing, and confirmed that appropriate safety measures were in place.

Testing confirmed that the material within the toilet partitions is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The toilet partitions will be removed as soon as licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled.

All works involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before works start.

The 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 toilets will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before maintenance works can continue.

The toilets will remain out of bounds until the removal and related upgrade work is completed.

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.

