

Woodberry Public School

Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection conducted during the Spring School Holidays, damage was identified and reported for an eave panel (soffit) in an external walkway in Building E at Woodberry Public School.

The material in the eave panel contains bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

An independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring and provide advice. Although vacation care was on site, Building E was isolated as it is located at the opposite side of the school site and not accessed by the vacation care program. Work to repair the eave panel took place on 2 October 2024. Following the work, the walkway was inspected by an independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the area for use Day 1 Term 4 2024.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Safety measures and air monitoring were in place before the work started.

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.



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