

Winston Heights Public School

Works notification | 7 June 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During planned work to replace timber beams and eaves on Building K at Winston Heights Public School, suspected asbestos-containing material was found in the eaves.

This is not an area listed on the school's asbestos register.

Safety fencing, signage, and warnings were installed, and the area was made out of bounds to students and staff.

The material has since tested positive for bonded asbestos, 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 bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work to remove the eave linings will take place on Saturday, 15 June.

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 in 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.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and 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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