

Casino West Public School

Works notification | 25 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 5 March 2024, before the start of the school day, we found a whiteboard had fallen off a wall in one of the Year 3/4 classrooms at Casino West Public School.

The wall sheets holding the whiteboard were damaged. These sheets are known to contain asbestos as per the school's asbestos register. The room was locked immediately, and students and staff who normally use this room were relocated to the library to continue face-to-face learning.

On Wednesday 6 March 2024, we engaged an independent hygienist who inspected the damage and took samples for testing.

On Friday 15 March 2024, test results confirmed that the material does contain asbestos.

Work to remediate the room and replace the wall sheets will start on 6 April 2024 and is scheduled to finish by the end of the April school holidays. All work involving asbestos containing materials will be done outside of school hours.

Students and staff relocated due to this work will continue face-to-face learning in the library for the rest of Term 1.

The room will remain locked and inaccessible, with additional safety measures and air monitoring put in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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 room will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the room is re-opened.

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.

