

Casino West Public School

Works notification | 30 April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In March 2025, a section of a classroom ceiling in Building H at Casino West Public School was damaged by storms associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

A ceiling crack was discovered during a post cyclone damage assessment. The ceiling was suspected to contain asbestos. The room was subsequently locked and made out of bounds to students and staff.

As a precaution we engaged a licensed contractor to inspect the damage and take samples for testing. The contractor advised the crack did not break the surface paint and the ceiling lining itself was not exposed.

Test results confirmed the ceiling linings 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".

On Saturday 5 April 2025 we removed the damaged section of the classroom ceiling.

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 inspected by independent hygienists.

Once the ceiling lining was removed, an independent hygienist inspected the site and issued a clearance certificate.

During the Autumns School Holidays, the ceiling was replaced with non-hazardous material and new light fittings and speakers were installed.

The classroom was reopened and ready for students and staff to use from Day 1 Term 2 2025.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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