

Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School

Works notification | 15 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following the works notification issued on 9 May 2025, we would like to provide an update on the damaged wall that was suspected to contain asbestos at Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School.

A sample of the material was taken by the independent hygienist for testing.

On 12 May test results returned a negative result for asbestos.

The room is now unlocked and back in use, and contractors have been engaged to repair the damaged wall.

Previous notification issued 9 May 2025

On Thursday 8 May 2025, a damaged wall was identified inside the staffroom at Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School.

This room is known to contain bonded asbestos and is listed on the school's asbestos register.

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".

The room was immediately closed and locked, and an alternative space was made available for staff to use.

A contractor attended the school on 8 May to inspect the room and isolate the suspected asbestos-containing material. An independent hygienist has been engaged to take a sample of the material for testing.

If testing confirms the material contains bonded asbestos, remediation work will be undertaken based on the advice of the independent hygienist. Any remediation work will be performed outside of school hours with air monitoring in place.

The room will remain locked and staff members will continue to use the alternative staffroom space until we receive the advice from the independent hygienist.

We will provide another update when we receive the results of the testing.

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.

