

Sir Eric Woodward School

Works notification | 22 August 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

A side wall panel outside Building A was recently damaged, uncovering suspected asbestos containing material within the panel.

An independent hygienist visited the site to inspect the area and take testing samples to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

Testing has confirmed that the material within the wall panel is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The wall panel will be removed as soon as licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled. The area outside Building A remains safe for occupation as the damaged panel has been covered in plastic. The area will be cordoned off before the work starts.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

We will keep the community updated on the scheduling of licensed and accredited contractors to complete this work.

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.

