## Goulburn High School Works notification | 19 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are writing to provide you with an update on the ongoing asbestos remediation work at Goulburn High School.

On 28 May 2024 we closed 3 rooms in Building C as part of mould remediation work. On <u>22</u> <u>July 2024</u> we notified you that asbestos was detected in air monitoring samples in those rooms and Building C was closed. All air monitoring to date across the site has returned results below the national workplace exposure standard.

The hygienist has prepared a draft work scope that will inform remediation options for Building C. We are currently reviewing the draft report and will provide further information once we receive the final report.

As part of our asbestos management procedures SafeWork NSW was notified.

SafeWork NSW has attended the school, completed an inspection of some buildings, reviewed the actions undertaken by the department and provided recommendations.

We have also completed the inspection and investigation of Building M's sub-floor storage area which was closed on 12 August 2024 after asbestos-containingmaterial was found in the sub-floor storage area. Air monitoring results have come back below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with SafeWork NSW guidelines. The area will remain isolated while remediation work continues.

We are continuing to inspect all other buildings on the school site as a precaution. All work is being done by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, guidelines and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

## What can you do if you are concerned about exposure?

Concerned individuals can also record their details on the <u>National Asbestos Exposure</u> <u>Register</u>, which is managed by the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency. It was created so anyone with concerns of potential exposure to asbestos could record their details for future reference.

If you have any questions regarding the register or would like to speak to someone at the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, call 1300 326 148.

Advice concerning the health risks of asbestos can also be obtained from your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055. Anyone who have additional concerns are encouraged to contact their general practitioner.







Further information about asbestos and health risks is available from the  $\underline{\text{NSW}}$  Health website.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the students, staff and community is our highest priority.

We will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.