NSW Department of Education

Maitland High School Works notification | 11 June 2024



Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection, a damaged ceiling lining was reported on 4 June 2024 in a corridor on the top floor of Building S.

The ceiling lining in this corridor contains bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

This corridor links to 3 classrooms, a computer lab, and staff toilets. As a precaution the corridor and adjoining rooms were immediately vacated, cordoned off and an independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring and provide advice.

Work to temporarily repair and secure the ceiling material took place on Thursday 6 June 2024 and clearance was provided by the independent hygienist to reopen the corridor for use. Work to remove and replace the ceiling material to complete the remediation is scheduled on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2024.

Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

All work was 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 health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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