

Maitland High School

Works notification | 18 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following heavy rain which caused a roof leak on Tuesday 11 February 2025, we temporarily repaired sections of water-damaged ceiling panels in a storeroom and hallway in the Penman Building (Block P) at Maitland High School.

The material in the ceiling panels in this building contains bonded asbestos as listed on the school 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'.

An independent hygienist attended the school outside of school hours on Tuesday 11 February 2025 following the temporary ceiling repair work. They installed air monitoring and advised the area could remain in use.

Air monitoring returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Further work to remove and replace the ceiling panel was completed on Saturday 15 February and Sunday 16 February 2025.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours. 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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The roof in this area was repaired on Friday 14 February 2025 to prevent any further leaks occurring. Following the work, the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the rooms.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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