

Maitland Grossmann High School

Works notification | 4 August 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 31 July 2025, during maintenance work at Maitland Grossmann High School, a damaged wall panel was found on the southern wall of Building B.

The wall panel is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. Bonded asbestos means it is attached to other material and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. The area is usually off-limits to students and staff, however as a precautionary measure, signage was installed.

The same day we engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area and conduct air monitoring, and a local contractor to encapsulate the wall panel by covering the damaged area with non-hazardous material.

Air monitoring has 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. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place within school hours with safety measures in place, including air monitoring and the use of personal protective equipment by the contractor.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and was completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

The area was inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm the damage was fully encapsulated, and a clearance certificate was issued.

For more information about asbestos, visit the NSW Health website:
health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets.

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.

