

Burwood Girls High School

Works notification | 20 May 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We want to update you on the [works notification sent on Tuesday 7 May 2024](#), where we informed you about ceiling damage in a Building A classroom at Burwood Girls High School.

Dust fell from a fracture in a panel of ceiling sheeting in that classroom. The ceiling in this room is known to contain bonded asbestos material, as per the school's asbestos register. This means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution following the incident, the room was evacuated, locked, and made inaccessible to students and staff. The damaged area was covered with plastic sheeting by a licensed asbestos contractor while the dust was tested.

An independent hygienist was engaged to complete investigation and testing of the dust. The results of the testing confirmed the dust did not contain asbestos.

Work to replace the ceiling tile took place outside of school hours on Wednesday 8 May and work to clean the room, including all surfaces, equipment, and textiles took place on Saturday 11 May.

The area was cordoned off before the work started and the room remained inaccessible to students and staff.

All work involving hazardous materials took place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place while work was done. All inspections and remediation works were conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist.

Upon completion of works, the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate was issued to the school before the room was reopened to students and staff.

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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