

Burwood Girls High School

Works notification | 7 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Friday 3 May 2024, an item believed to be a loose slate tile fell through the roof cavity onto the ceiling and fractured a panel of ceiling sheeting in a classroom in building A at Burwood Girls High School.

The ceiling in this room is known to contain asbestos material as per the school's asbestos register. The material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. The room was locked and was not accessible to students or staff.

We immediately engaged a licenced asbestos contractor to visit the school to inspect the damage, put safety measures in place and provide advice. The damaged area was covered with plastic sheeting by the contractor.

We are currently organising the work to fix the damage and replace the ceiling sheet and will keep the community updated. The room will remain inaccessible to staff and students until work to remediate the area is completed.

All work will take place outside of school hours. The room will be cordoned off before the work to replace the ceiling sheet starts, and safety measures and air monitoring put in place.

All work will be 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 area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the room is opened to staff and students.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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