

Wyong High School

Works notification | 13 December 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

A maintenance call-out to repair a damaged light at Wyong High School on 29 November 2023, discovered that a contractor had previously installed lighting in Buildings B and C using work that may have disturbed ceiling voids. These ceiling voids are known to contain asbestos containing material.

An independent hygienist was engaged to provide advice on 30 November 2023 and, as a precaution, rooms were cordoned off pending air monitoring results.

The hygienist recommended an environmental clean as an additional precautionary measure. This work was completed between Thursday 30 November and Sunday 3 December 2023. The ceilings were also secured and encapsulated as advised by the hygienist.

Over the upcoming summer holiday period work will be done to fix the lighting and install more permanent encapsulation of the ceilings in these two buildings.

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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Air monitoring will remain in place until the areas have been fully encapsulated. All air monitoring to date 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.

If you are concerned about potential exposure, you can record individual details on the National Asbestos Exposure Register. The register is managed by the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, which was created so that members of the community who think that they may have been exposed to asbestos can record the details of their exposure for their future reference.

There is no minimum level of exposure required to add your details to the register. If you have any questions regarding the register or would like to speak to someone at the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, please call 1300 326 148.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

