

Wyong High School

Works notification | 15 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 12 August 2024, a broken glass window was identified and reported in a classroom in Building D at Wyong High School.

The putty material in this window was assumed to contain bonded asbestos. On 12 August 2024, the room was isolated from students and staff, and the glass was secured. An independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring, collect material for testing and provide advice. Testing returned a positive result for bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

All air monitoring results to date have 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.

Work to remove the putty material and replace the glass has been scheduled to take place outside of school hours on Saturday 24 August 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

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.

Following the work, the room will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the room is reopened for use.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

