

# Wauchope High School

Works notification | 31 January 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During the school holidays, while upgrading the toilets at Wauchope High School, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the ground beneath a concrete slab. Work immediately stopped, the material was covered, and the area remained fenced off within the construction site.

Independent hygienists inspected the area on Tuesday 17 January 2023, took samples for testing and confirmed that appropriate safety measures were in place. Work resumed on the toilet upgrade from Friday 20 January 2023 and is continuing.

Students will continue to use the temporary unisex toilets located in Building C until the remediation and toilet upgrade is complete.

After the investigations were completed, the independent hygienist provided a remediation report on Monday 30 January 2023 to advise of the necessary remediation scope. Remediation work will take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023. All works involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before works start.

The area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

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 understanding during this important work.

