

# Wauchope High School

## Works notification | 3 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to our notification distributed before the April school holidays, works to upgrade the girl's toilets in Building C are continuing. During drainage installation, fragments of asbestos containing material were found in the ground under the concrete slab.

Works were immediately stopped, and the area was covered with heavy-duty plastic and sealed off. The area remains isolated within the construction site.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that 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.

Work to remove the fragments will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May 2023, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the remediation and associated toilet upgrade work is finished.

Work will be done 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 asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the maintenance works can continue. The toilet upgrade is expected to be completed by mid-year.

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.

