

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 7 May 2024, a staff member noticed damage to ceiling lining containing known bonded asbestos in a corridor near 2 classrooms in Building C at Kurri Kurri High School.

The material in the ceiling lining contains bonded asbestos, as per the school's asbestos register, which means it was 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.

As a precaution, immediately following the find, the corridor and 2 classrooms were isolated from students and staff, and an independent hygienist was engaged to provide advice.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to encapsulate the material took place on Wednesday 8 May 2024.

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

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was 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 corridor and rooms were inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance was provided before the areas were reopened for use.

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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