

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Following an inspection on 18 April 2024, damage to the ceiling containing known bonded asbestos in the boy's toilets in Building H at Singleton High School was identified.

The material in the ceiling sheeting 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 an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and provide advice.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to remove the material took place during the school holidays on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 April 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 toilets were inspected by the independent hygienist and the school received a clearance certificate to reopen the space 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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