

# East Hills Boys High School

Works notification | 16 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The Department of Education installed new and efficient LED lighting at East Hills Boys High School in December 2022.

During an initial review, we identified that the contractor used a method different to the established work practices for the program to install new LED lights in the staff toilets in Building K.

We looked into whether this work may have impacted the ceilings in this area, which is known to contain asbestos.

Following the Department of Education's protocols on the management of asbestos in schools, the area was isolated as a precautionary measure and an independent occupational hygienist attended the site on 6 June 2023 to review the work and conduct testing.

Samples collected by the hygienist confirmed the ceiling sheets as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Initial work to seal any drilled holes in the ceiling has been completed, and we have now engaged a contractor to replace the ceiling in the affected area on Saturday 17 June 2023.

All asbestos containing material will be removed 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 hygienist will inspect the area to ensure it has been fully remediated and issue the school with a clearance certificate so the area can be reopened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community continues to be our highest priority.

Thank you for your understanding.

