

# Lake Macquarie High School

## Works notification | 13 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a recent inspection, minor damage to several glass windows and glass doors was identified and reported in a classroom, a staff room and a corridor in Building E at Lake Macquarie High School.

The putty material in these windows and doors were assumed to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. Testing returned a positive result for bonded asbestos, which means it is 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.

An independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring and provide advice. On Thursday 1 August 2024, the glass was secured, and as the putty has remained undisturbed clearance was provided to continue using the spaces.

Work to remove the putty material and replace the glass has been scheduled to take place outside of school hours on Saturday 31 August 2024.

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

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be 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 areas will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they had been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the areas are re-opened for use.

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.



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