

Bellingen High School

Works notification | 19 September 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 12 September, damaged ceiling lining was found in the corridor in the middle of Building F at Bellingen High School, and has since been repaired.

The ceiling lining in this thoroughfare is listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP) as containing bonded asbestos. The damaged area was immediately covered with plastic sheeting and the corridor was closed.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

On Tuesday 16 September 2025, contractors replaced the damaged ceiling including the surrounding panels.

All air monitoring to date around the area has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. As the area is external and well ventilated, advance clearance was issued from the independent hygienist the same day, 16 September 2025.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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