

# John Edmondson High School

## Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers

A staff member reported suspected asbestos-containing rocks in a locked science lab cupboard at John Edmondson High School on 5 December 2024.

The rocks were stored in 3 double plastic bags and the cupboard had a “do not open” sign.

Test results, following sample collection and cleaning by an independent hygienist on Thursday 12 December, confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos in one bag.

NSW Health explains 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.

The material was removed off-site and students continued to use the science lab for the remainder of Term 4 without disruption.

The hygienist issued a clearance certificate for the cupboard on 18 December.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours with safety measures, including air monitoring in place, in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.



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