

Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus

Works notification | 31 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On 20 May 2024, during termite remediation work in an office in the Admin Building at Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus, our contractor found building materials in a roof cavity and under the floor.

The materials included a piece of wall sheeting and a long strip of vinyl. Both materials were suspected to contain asbestos, and the termite work was stopped immediately, and the room was locked.

We engaged an independent hygienist to organise samples for testing.

On 28 May 2024, results confirmed that the wall sheeting does contain asbestos material, and the vinyl does not.

The wall sheeting material is confirmed as bonded asbestos. 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.

Work to remediate the room is being organised.

All work will be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. 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.

The office will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the termite remediation work continues.

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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