

Mitchell High School

Works notification | 30 April 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Monday 22 April 2024, during a routine inspection at Mitchell High School, known asbestos containing material was identified, as per the school's asbestos register.

This material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled under light pressure.

Two loose vinyl tiles known to contain asbestos were found in a storeroom in Building B and small asbestos fragments were found in an electrical distribution board in Building E. These rooms are not usually accessed by students and were immediately made inaccessible to staff and students.

Small holes in the ceiling of Buildings A, B, C and D were identified during the inspection. As per the school's asbestos register, the first layer of the ceiling material in these buildings does not contain asbestos, however the holes will be proactively sealed as a precautionary measure.

We have advice from an independent hygienist that all rooms in these buildings can continue to be used prior to works taking place.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, on Saturday 4 May and Sunday 5 May 2024. As an extra precaution, air monitoring will be put in place in Building C during the work as there is asbestos containing material in the roof cavity above 2 rooms in this building, per the school's asbestos register.

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.

The areas will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the areas are reopened.

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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