

Scone High School

Works notification | 21 February 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During a storm over the weekend, a roof sheet was dislodged at the eastern end of the roof of Building A (next to Building L) at Scone High School, above a hallway. Suspected asbestos containing material was found in the roof cavity.

The roof area is inaccessible to students and staff and Building A has been secured and cordoned off since Sunday 19 February.

Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist on Monday 20 February to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed. The material was encapsulated and will remain covered until the test results are available. The adjacent area was also cleaned under the supervision of the hygienist on Monday.

An elevated work platform has been delivered to the school today (Tuesday 21 February) to allow licensed contractors to access the affected roof area.

If test results confirm the roof cavity contains asbestos, the area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

All asbestos removal and remediation works will take place outside of school hours.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the building is re-opened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

