

# Scone High School

Works notification | 9 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are completing school maintenance work at Scone High School that involves working with asbestos containing material, under the advice of an independent occupational hygienist. This notification is to provide an update on the work underway, as well as some work in planning.

## Administration building upgrade

During work to upgrade the Administration building (Building A) at Scone High School, we identified damage to wall and ceiling sheeting in the main switchboard room on the ground floor.

As a precaution, we immediately cordoned off the room within the construction site and engaged an independent occupational hygienist to conduct testing and install air monitoring. Testing confirmed the material as non-bonded asbestos.

Air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01 fibres/ml).

Based on recommendations from the hygienist, the main switch room will remain cordoned off until a remediation plan is provided.

## Proactive investigations in Buildings A, B, C, and F.

We are undertaking proactive investigations for hazardous materials at Scone High School, focused on teaching spaces and switchboard room ceilings in Buildings A, B, C, and F.

During investigations, suspected asbestos containing material was identified on the timber structure in Building's C switchboard ceiling. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed the material as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Further investigations and work to encapsulate all acoustic ceilings in Buildings A, B, C, and F have started on Sunday 4 June 2023 and are expected to be completed by Friday 9 June 2023.

## Managing work involving asbestos containing materials

All work detailed above involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done 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 asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.



If remediation is required, following work all areas will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before they are reopened, or maintenance work continues.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

