

# West Wallsend High School

## Works notification | 12 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the summer school holidays, as part of our proactive maintenance schedule, we inspected areas of West Wallsend High School known to have asbestos-containing materials, as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan.

The inspections revealed minor gaps in the ceiling and wall surfaces of several classrooms in buildings B, D and E that required sealing. The ceiling and wall cavities in these buildings contain material identified as friable asbestos, meaning it can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Out of an abundance of caution, an independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the rooms and conduct air monitoring.

Air monitoring in all buildings returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Work to seal the ceiling and wall gaps took place between Thursday 22 and Saturday 24 January 2026 in buildings D and E. Work to seal the ceiling and wall gaps in Building B was done on Saturday 7 February 2026. The hygienist returned to inspect the rooms and was satisfied that all gaps were sealed as per their recommendation.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.



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