

# West Wallsend High School

Works notification | 25 May 2023

Further to the below notification, testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the fragments found in the subfloor of Building D contain bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Remediation work to remove the fragments and clean the subfloor of Building D will take place on Saturday 27 May 2023, outside school hours.

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**19 May 2023**

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During routine cleaning at West Wallsend High School, fragments of suspected asbestos containing material was found in the subfloor of Building D. It is an enclosed area that is not accessible to students and staff.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

Testing will be conducted by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this 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.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate.

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.

