

# Coonamble High School

## Works notification | 16 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A staff member identified damage to a ceiling sheet in the first-floor hallway outside the senior classrooms (Administration Building B) at Coonamble High School on Monday 13 August 2024.

The damaged ceiling sheet contains bonded asbestos, as listed on the school's asbestos register. NSW Health explains if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Broken sheet fragments were collected, and sealed in a plastic bag, and the exposed edges of the sheet were also covered.

As a precaution, the area was cordoned off on the same day and access was restricted. There was no disruption to school operations.

An independent hygienist installed air monitoring and, following their recommendation, the sheet was encapsulated on 14 August.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials was conducted outside of school hours following work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done.

All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be reinspected by the hygienist and a clearance certificate will be issued before it is reopened.

We will continue to keep the community informed. The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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