

Coonamble High School

Works notification | 6 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A hole has been found in a ceiling sheet at the canteen entrance at Coonamble High School during a routine inspection on Thursday 5 December 2024.

The sheet contains bonded asbestos and is listed in the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged.

The ceiling sheet was temporarily encapsulated with plastic sheet and the floor was cleaned.

A part of the canteen entrance was cordoned off with temporary fencing to restrict access.

Access to the canteen facility wasn't impacted.

An independent hygienist installed air monitoring and, following their recommendation, the sheet was encapsulated with plywood on top of the plastic sheet the same day (5 December).

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours.

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

Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place while work was done.

All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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