

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 22 May 2024 during a routine inspection a window in a small classroom in Building C was identified as damaged at Lambton High School. As a precaution, the room was cordoned off so the window frame material could be tested for suspected asbestos and repaired accordingly.

An independent hygienist was engaged and the glass in the window was secured. This room remained cordoned off from students and staff until the window frame material could be tested and removed.

Testing confirmed the material in the window frame putty contained bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work to remove the material has been scheduled to take place outside of school hours on Saturday 8 June 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the removal work, the room will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the room is reopened.

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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