

Lambton High School

Works notification | 31 May 2023

Further to the below notification, testing conducted by an independent hygienist confirmed that the fragments found in the General Assistant's shed in Building D contain asbestos. The wall incinerator has been isolated, and the engaged hygienist inspected the area and confirmed the appropriate safety measures are in place.

Air monitoring is in place and all air monitoring conducted to date continues to return results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01fibres/mL).

The shed was cleared for use and the old wall incinerator will be remediated as part of maintenance activities during the July school holidays.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

16 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Thursday 11 May 2023, during routine inspections at Lambton High School, suspected asbestos containing fragments were found inside an old wall incinerator in the General Assistant's shed in Building D.

As a precaution, the shed was isolated and locked. The shed is not used by students and access is limited to grounds staff only.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts. Licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors visited the site on Friday 12 May to encapsulate the material while testing was being arranged. The incinerator door was closed, covered in plastic, and a steel plate was screwed over it.

An independent hygienist inspected the shed and collected samples for testing on Monday 15 May 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 shed will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the shed is re-opened to staff.

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.

