

Callaghan College Waratah Campus

Works notification | 14 June 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following a routine inspection on 12 June 2024, damage to the ceiling known to contain asbestos in the girl's toilets on the upper level of Building L was identified and reported at Callaghan College Waratah Campus.

The ceiling lining in this toilet encapsulates a ceiling cavity which contains friable asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised, or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

As a precaution following the inspection, the toilets were immediately isolated from students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct air monitoring and provide advice.

All air monitoring results to date have returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to remediate the ceiling took place after school hours on the same day, 12 June 2024. An environmental clean of the toilets was also conducted.

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

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

Following the work, the toilets were inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued before the toilets were 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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