

# Callaghan College Waratah Campus

## Works notification | 23 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Winter School Holidays, suspected asbestos was identified in cement sheet material from the ceiling in the upstairs mezzanine movement area of the hall (Building E) at Callaghan College Waratah Campus.

The area was immediately isolated by locking the building. An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing, install air monitoring and provide advice.

Testing has confirmed the material in the ceiling cavity as 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 and replace the ceiling material was completed after hours during the school holidays on 18 July 2024.

Following the remediation, clearance was provided by the independent hygienist before the affected area was reopened and ready for Day 1 Term 3.

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.

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. Safety measures and air monitoring were in place before the work started.

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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