

Callaghan College Waratah Campus

Works notification | 12 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During work to repair a water leak on Monday 9 September 2024, material suspected to contain asbestos was identified in the roof lining of the external outdoor rooftop learning area in Building C at Callaghan College Waratah Campus. On Tuesday 10 September 2024, additional ceiling sheeting material, assumed to contain asbestos, was also identified and reported as requiring repairs in the covered walkway at the front of the canteen (Building D).

As a precaution, the areas were cordoned off from students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to provide advice, conduct testing and install air monitoring.

Testing has confirmed the material in both buildings contained bonded asbestos which means it was 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.

On Tuesday 10 September 2024, outside of school hours, the material in both buildings was secured, and the roof leak was repaired accordingly. Following this work, the areas were inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate has been issued to reopen them for use.

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.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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