

# Callaghan College Waratah Campus

## Works notification | 26 June 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection on 24 June 2024, suspected asbestos was identified in a ceiling cavity in the tutorial centre at Callaghan College Waratah Campus.

The tutorial centre is made up of 2 classrooms. Both rooms were immediately vacated and cordoned off, and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing, install air monitoring, and provide advice.

Testing has confirmed the material in the ceiling cavity as friable asbestos and the school's asbestos register will be updated. Friable asbestos means it can be crumbled, pulverised, or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

The ceiling lining in this building encapsulates a ceiling cavity that contains asbestos.

As a precautionary measure, work to further secure existing encapsulation of the ceiling cavity was completed outside of school hours on 25 June 2024. As a further precaution an environmental clean of the building was also conducted.

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 the ceiling encapsulation, clearance was provided by the independent hygienist before the affected areas were reopened.

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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