

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the recent school holidays, we conducted a routine inspection as part of an asbestos resurvey program at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus.

During the inspection, damage was identified and reported in several wall, ceiling and window linings in Buildings B, C, Science Building, school hall and computer rooms. Certain areas of these rooms and buildings were listed on the school's asbestos register.

An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing, install air monitoring and provide advice during the school holiday period between 28 September until 13 October 2024 to minimise any disruptions to learning.

Testing of materials listed as assumed on the asbestos register, confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. This means they are 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 repair the damaged panels took place on Saturday 12 October 2024. Following the work, all areas and buildings were inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the areas for use from Day 1 Term 4 2024.

The school's asbestos register will be updated to reflect the latest information.

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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