

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Works notification | 9 August 2024

The remediation work outlined in the 6 August notification (below) has been extended to reflect the latest air monitoring results.

On Thursday 8 August 2024, air monitoring results indicated the presence of friable asbestos particles in The Croft demountable classroom. Friable asbestos means it can be crumbled, pulverised, or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. Please refer to NSW Health's [Asbestos fact sheet](#) for more information.

The classroom has remained isolated and cordoned off since the wall damage was identified on 1 August 2024.

On advice from the independent hygienist, an environmental clean of the classroom will be conducted on Saturday 10 August 2024. Additional air monitoring will also be conducted to ensure the room has been fully remediated. The room will remain isolated until this can be completed.

When work is finished The Croft demountable classroom will be inspected by the hygienist and a clearance certificate will be issued before the room is reopened for use.

Thank you for your understanding.

6 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 1 August 2024, damage to an internal wall sheet in The Croft demountable classroom at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus was reported.

The classroom was vacated and cordoned off from students and staff until repairs could be completed. Alternative classrooms were arranged temporarily to avoid any disruptions to learning.

The wall sheeting in the demountable contains bonded asbestos material, as listed in the school's asbestos register. This means it was attached to other materials such as a painted surface, 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.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring, assess and provide advice for the repair of the wall sheet.



Work to remove the material was completed outside of school hours on Saturday 3 August 2024.

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 classroom was inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate will be issued before the room is 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.