

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Works notification | 22 July 2024

Dear staff, students, parents and carers,

On 4 July 2024, damage to a light and surrounding ceiling panel with asbestos-containing material was identified and reported. This material was in an outdoor covered walkway east of the Science Building at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus. An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing, install air monitoring and provide advice.

As a precaution, the walkway was fenced off and isolated from students and staff until the material could be repaired accordingly.

The material in the ceiling panel contains bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register, 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.

To prevent any disruption to learning, work to permanently repair the material took place on Saturday 13 July 2024, during the recent Winter School Holiday period 2024. Following the work, the area was inspected by an independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the walkway ready for use Day 1 Term 3 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. Safety measures and air monitoring will be in place before the work starts.

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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