Gorokan High School Works notification | 8 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During the installation of new and efficient LED lighting at Gorokan High School, asbestos containing material was found in the ceiling sheets of the staff toilets. Work immediately stopped and the area was isolated.

An occupational hygienist attended the site to conduct testing and has confirmed the ceiling sheets as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

A precautionary environmental clean of the area will take place outside of school hours and a contractor will be engaged to replace the ceiling.

All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours and in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The hygienist will inspect the area to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The contactor will receive a clearance certificate so the lighting installation can be finished.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your understanding.

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