

# Epping Boys High School

## Works notification | 5 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 1 August 2024, several broken glass windows were identified and reported in a science classroom in Building K at Epping Boys High School.

The putty material in these windows was assumed to contain bonded asbestos and safety precautions were taken. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect material for testing and provide advice. The glass was secured on 2 August 2024, and the putty deemed undisturbed by the hygienist. Clearance was provided to continue using the room.

Testing results returned a positive result for bonded asbestos in the window putty material in this classroom.

Bonded asbestos means the putty substance 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.

Work to remove and replace the putty material from the windows and replace the damaged glass has been scheduled to take place outside of school hours in the upcoming Spring School Holidays between Monday 30 September to Tuesday 8 October 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be 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 room will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, 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.



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