Oak Flats High School
Works notification | 18 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers

A loose light fitting was found by a staff member in the senior girls' toilet in Building B at Oak Flats High School on Tuesday 10 December 2024. The light remained attached but was no longer fixed in position to the ceiling sheet, which is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains that living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged.

As a precaution, the senior girls' toilet was isolated and made inaccessible to students and staff on the same day. During this time, students used the alternative junior toilet facilities located next to the senior girls' toilet.

A licensed contractor removed the bonded asbestos ceiling sheet under the supervision of an independent hygienist on Thursday 12 December. The ceiling was replaced with non-hazardous material, and the light fitting was refixed.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours with safety measures, including air monitoring in place, in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Following the completion of works, the hygienist reinspected the area and issued a clearance certificate. The area was reopened to staff and students on Friday 13 December.

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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