

Lord Howe Island Central School

Works notification | 9 December 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Asbestos was used widely in Australian building materials prior to 1990. Due to the age of many NSW public schools, asbestos-containing materials may be present.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

The way we manage the presence of asbestos in NSW public schools involves maintaining an Asbestos Management Plan for each school and testing to identify and remediate or remove asbestos-containing material.

At our heritage-significant Lord Howe Island Central School, we are replacing asbestos-containing materials in the girls and boys toilets next weekend.

The work involves removing ceiling sheets and replacing them with Gyproc plasterboard, which is a non-hazardous material.

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".

The area is listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures including temporary fencing, signage, locked rooms, workers wearing personal protective equipment and air monitoring will be in place while work is being done.

The repairs will take place from **12 pm Friday 19 December to 3 pm Sunday 21 December 2025**.

Upon completion, an independent hygienist will be engaged to inspect and clear the area to be reopened for usual school activities.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

What makes Lord Howe Island Central School special?

Nestled within the World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, the isolation that defines this school is unique among schools in NSW. The school community is a blending of families whose history is closely linked to the island and families who live and work here for a contracted period of time. The small student population allows for personalised attention and a supportive learning experience.

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