

# Hannam Vale Public School

## Works notification | 17 March 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

As part of a project to install an access ramp on the northern wall of Building B at Hannam Vale Public School, material suspected to contain bonded asbestos was found in the wall lining by contractors on Friday 13 February 2026.

The area was already fenced off with access restricted to students and staff. Work was immediately stopped and testing was completed. Test results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. This location is not known to contain bonded asbestos as per the School's Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

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 area was covered with plywood. The asbestos will be removed on Tuesday 7 April and Wednesday 8 April 2026, which is during the autumn school holidays.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

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.

The construction area will remain locked until the independent hygienist confirms the asbestos has been removed, and a clearance certificate will be issued before work resumes.

### **New access ramps**

The access ramp being installed in Building B is one of 3 ramps being installed across the school.

The other ramps are being installed to connect Buildings B, C and H. These works are not affected by the asbestos removal in Building B.

It is expected all ramps will be installed and ready for use by the end of April 2026.

### **Managing construction impacts**

Ramp installation works will continue during Term 1 and into the autumn school holidays. This will involve machinery such as excavators and concrete mixers which will produce periods of noise when in use.



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Work hours are between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

For more information on how construction impacts will be managed, please scan the QR code or visit the School Infrastructure website: [Managing construction impacts in your community](#).

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.