

Merriwa Central School

Works notification | 12 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 26 February 2026, 2 small holes were identified in the external ceiling lining in buildings H and L's undercover walkway at Merriwa Central School.

The ceiling eaves in this location are known to contain bonded asbestos, as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan.

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".

An independent hygienist was engaged to provide advice and conduct air monitoring. Air monitoring returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Access to the walkway was restricted while work to seal the holes was carried out between 11 am and 12 pm on Friday 27 February 2026.

The independent hygienist inspected the area and provided clearance for it to be reopened.

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

Additional work to reinforce the ceiling sheeting will be done outside of school hours at a future date.

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

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



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