

Merriwa Central School

Works notification – 1 December 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We will be refurbishing areas of the Great Hall at Merriwa Central School outside of school hours on the following dates:

- **between 6 and 7 December:** we will be removing and replacing bonded asbestos materials in the external ceiling soffits of the movement areas in the Great Hall. A soffit is the material on the underside of an architectural feature, such as the area beneath the eaves of a roof.
- **between 15 and 16 December:** we will be removing lead-based paint and repainting the exterior of the Great Hall.

The Great Hall is an area listed on the school's asbestos management plan. There will be temporary fencing, air monitoring and contractors wearing personal protective equipment while works are taking place.

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".

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 and inspected by independent hygienists.

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

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

