

# Merriwa Central School

## Works notification | 27 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday 25 March 2026, the movement area ceiling between buildings L and S was damaged at Merriwa Central School

The ceiling lining in this area is known to contain asbestos, as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan. Access was immediately restricted and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed that the material is bonded.

All air monitoring to date across the site has 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. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

Repair of the external ceiling lining by sealing the damaged hole took place on Thursday 26 March 2026 between the hours of 7 am and 1 pm.

Further work to repair the external eaves will be done during the autumn holidays from Saturday 4 April to the first day of Term 2, Wednesday 22 April 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.

All work is done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures are in place while work is being done. All work is 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.

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

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



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