

Merriwa Central School

Works notification | 7 March 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 4 March 2025, a noticeboard was unscrewed from a wall in the Support Staffroom of Building I at Merriwa Central School. The wall panels in this staffroom contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

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 room was vacated and locked. An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake air monitoring and provide advice.

Work to repair the wall panels took place on Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Work was done before school started with air monitoring and safety measures in place.

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.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by an independent hygienist.

Following the repairs, the staffroom was inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance was provided to reopen the room.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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