

Warilla Public School

Works notification | 5 November 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

An odour was reported by members of staff in Building D at Warilla Public School and as a result, 2 kindergarten classes were relocated on the morning of Thursday 30 October 2025 while we investigated the potential source of this odour.

On Thursday 30 October 2025 a contractor completing an inspection of Building D found a wet patch of carpet beneath a window in one of the kindergarten classrooms. Samples have been removed for testing for the presence of mould. We are waiting on the results of this testing.

During this inspection the contractor also inspected the subfloor of Building D to see if there was any water under the building that could be causing the odour. When checking the subfloor, the contractor found pieces of suspected asbestos.

An independent hygienist removed these asbestos pieces for testing on Friday 31 October 2025.

Testing results received on Tuesday 4 November 2025 confirmed the presence of both bonded and friable asbestos-containing material in the subfloor area of Building D.

The building was immediately locked to students and staff, and the subfloor and doors were encapsulated with black plastic.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

On Saturday 15 November 2025 we will be removing the asbestos pieces from the subfloor area of Building D.

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 subfloor will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the building is reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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