

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Friday 3 May 2024, suspected asbestos was identified in the floor tiles of the cleaner's storeroom at Niland School. The room was locked to prevent access to students and staff.

On Tuesday 7 May 2024, an independent hygienist visited the school to remove the vinyl tiles and adhesive for testing.

Test results for the vinyl tiles have come back negative for asbestos, and positive for the adhesive used to secure them to the floor.

We are currently organising the work to remove the asbestos containing material and lay new flooring. All work will take place outside of school hours.

The room will remain inaccessible to staff and students until work to remediate the area is completed.

The room will be cordoned off before the work starts, and safety measures and air monitoring put in place.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the room is opened to staff and students.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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