

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of maintenance works and following recent rain damage, the following works will be scheduled in Building I at Lakeside School on Saturday 11 May 2024:

- replacing damaged carpet.
- removing known asbestos-containing material in the vinyl tiles located underneath the carpet.
- removing external sheeting in a clerical office in the Administration Building.

In addition, mould was detected in the carpet in the clerical office area. As a precaution the office has been temporarily relocated and isolated from students and staff.

The undisturbed material in the vinyl tiles and external wall sheeting contains bonded asbestos, as per the school's asbestos register. This means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

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.

Before the removal works begin, the office has been cordoned off from students and staff. Following the work, the building will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the room is reopened.

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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