

Newcastle Middle School

Works notification | 11 December 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Further to our works notification issued on 25 [November](#) 2025, vinyl floor tiles in the common room and 2 practical activities rooms were identified for removal during refurbishment of Building B at Newcastle Middle School.

The tiles, which were undisturbed and in good condition, were suspected to contain asbestos. A hygienist was engaged to test the material and provide advice. Test results confirmed the tiles contained bonded asbestos.

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 asbestos was removed on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December 2025. The hygienist inspected the area and issued a clearance certificate before contractors continued with the refurbishment works.

The area where the material was identified was not listed on the School's Asbestos Management Plan, which has been updated to include this recent find. 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 refurbishment of Building B has not been delayed by the tile removal work, and the project is on track to be finished by March 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

Works notification issued 25 November 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Refurbishments to Building B, near the school's Christo Road entrance, will take place at Newcastle Middle School from 3pm on Friday 28 November 2025 until Sunday 30 November 2025.

These works form part of a larger project to redevelop the space into 3 support learning spaces with accessible toilets, showers and change rooms. Breakout and withdrawal areas will also be developed as part of the works.

As part of this refurbishment, contractors will be removing and replacing internal linings and some eaves listed on the school's Asbestos Management Plan.

Access to the area will be securely restricted for the duration of the works using construction site hoarding, enclosures, temporary fencing and clear signage. All asbestos removal work will be completed outside of school hours when no students are present.



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Upon completion, an independent hygienist will be engaged to inspect the area, conduct testing and air monitoring to ensure asbestos-containing materials are not present. Once it is confirmed that the area can be reopened, usual school activities will resume.

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 and will be inspected by independent hygienists.

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

We will keep the community updated. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

Did you know?

At Newcastle Middle School, students receive a highly personalised education through individual learning plans co-designed with their families, ensuring every young person can reach their full potential. With dedicated, specialist staff, the school offers a nurturing environment tailored for students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. By focusing on quality-of-life outcomes, Newcastle Middle School prepares students not just for school success, but for meaningful, fulfilling futures.