

Broken Hill High School

Works notification | 28 August 2024

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

During a routine inspection at Broken Hill High School on Friday 23 August 2024, the school's general assistant identified worn vinyl floor tiles in the career's foyer (Block A movement area).

These tiles are assumed bonded asbestos as listed in the school's asbestos register.

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

The broken tile fragments were collected and sent for testing by an independent hygienist, on 23 August, to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

A contractor encapsulated the area on the same day.

Access to the foyer was restricted on Monday 26 August. Students and staff are being redirected to avoid using this area and to minimise disruption to school operations.

If necessary, all work involving asbestos-containing materials would be carried out outside of school hours following work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

All work would then 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 would be reinspected by the hygienist and a clearance certificate would be issued before it is reopened.

We will continue to keep the community informed.

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



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