

# Hornsby Girls High School

Works notification | 5 March 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Tuesday 27 February, planned works were undertaken to remove and replace carpet in the Maths Classroom in Building A at Hornsby Girls High School.

During this work, the contractor noticed vinyl tiles underneath the carpet which were suspected to contain asbestos material and were listed on the school's asbestos register. The room was immediately locked and made out of bounds.

An independent hygienist was engaged for testing and remediation advice. Testing confirmed the tiles contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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 took place on Saturday 2 March to remove and replace the vinyl tiles. Following the remediation work, the classroom was inspected by an independent hygienist and the school received a clearance certificate. The room has now been reopened and is available for use.

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

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for our cooperation during this important work.

