

Kempsey High School

Works notification | 27 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The NSW Department of Education is committed to working with schools across NSW to deliver new and upgraded school facilities.

We are refurbishing the Performance Room in Building B at Kempsey High School. On Tuesday 20 February 2024 during demolition work, we found vinyl tiles under the old stage that are suspected to contain asbestos.

All work in the construction area was immediately stopped, and the area was made inaccessible while testing of the material took place.

Testing has confirmed that the tiles contain bonded asbestos which means it was attached to other materials such as tiles 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 to remove the tiles and remediate the area will take place on Saturday 2 March 2024. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

The area will remain cordoned off, with additional safety measures and air monitoring put in place before the work starts.

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 occupational 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 refurbishment work continues.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

