Kempsey High School Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Sunday 12 January 2025, we identified building damage in the Administration Building, the boys' toilets in Building B and a storeroom in Building C at Kempsey High School.

Work to assess, clean and repair the damage started on 13 January 2025.

Work included:

- cleaning and replacing carpet on the lower level of the Administration Building
- replacing damaged windows and re-painting an office in the Administration Building
- cleaning and re-painting the boys' toilets in Building B
- cleaning and re-painting a storeroom in Building C.

During the carpet replacement work we found vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos.

Carpet replacement work stopped and an independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the tiles and take a sample for testing.

Testing 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'.

Work to remove the tiles was completed on Saturday 1 February 2025.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures were in place while work was done.

All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Carpet replacement work was finished on 4 February 2025 and the lower level of the Administration Building was ready for normal use on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact us on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

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



