

Yanco Agricultural High School

Works notification | 28 January 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following a fire at Yanco Agricultural High School that damaged heritage Building L, the laundry facilities, construction work is now underway on this building.

Learning will not be affected for Day 1 Term 1 2026, and school will resume as normal from Monday 2 February 2026.

Work to repair the fire damage to Building L has started and includes:

- electricity to the building being isolated
- installing temporary fencing around the building
- carpet cleaning for smoke damage in nearby Building D
- removal of known asbestos containing material in the ceiling linings
- undertaking air monitoring for known asbestos-containing material in the building.

Asbestos removal works for Building L

From Thursday 29 January 2026 to Sunday 1 February 2026, asbestos removal work will take place on site. There is known asbestos containing material in the ceiling linings of Building L, as listed in the School Asbestos Management Plan. All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place before students arrive on site.

A small amount of asbestos-containing material has been discovered to be friable asbestos and due to the fire, a separate small amount of material has been classified as friable asbestos. Friable asbestos is material that can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. A full exclusion zone of the area is in place, and the independent hygienist has confirmed it is safe for staff to access the wider school site.

Work hours are between 5:30 am to 5 pm, Monday to Sunday.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety law. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Building L will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before further work takes place to rectify the laundry facilities.



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Next steps

Procurement is underway for temporary equipment for the school, including commercial and domestic washing machines and dryers. The new equipment is expected to arrive by mid Term 1 2026.

While work is underway, alternative laundry services will be provided to support students.

We will keep the community updated on the timeframes for this work.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.