

NSW Department of Education
Macksville High School
Works notification | 3 June 2024



Dear staff, parents/carers,

We are replacing carpet in a staff common room in Building C at Macksville High School.

On 17 May 2024, during this work we found vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos underneath the carpet. The tiles are not listed on the school's asbestos register, however as a precautionary measure we stopped work, locked the room, and relocated staff to another common area in the school.

We engaged an independent hygienist to organise a sample of the tiles for testing.

On 24 May 2024, testing confirmed that the vinyl tiles contain bonded asbestos. 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 room is being organised.

All work will be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will 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 staffroom will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the room is re-opened and the carpet is replaced.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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