

Muswellbrook High School

Works notification | 25 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 23 August, there was an earthquake in the vicinity of Muswellbrook and Denman NSW, with impacts felt across the Hunter region.

As a safety precaution, Muswellbrook High School and Muswellbrook South Public School were evacuated on Friday afternoon.

There were no reports of students or teachers injured.

The NSW Department of Education engaged licensed engineers to assess impacted schools for damage over the weekend of Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August.

Muswellbrook High School is operational and students may attend as normal on Monday 26 August 2024.

The engineers have cleared the school to be reopened. They have however advised that the chimneys above Building B should be repaired. This is due to the mortar deteriorating and not necessarily the earthquake. As a precaution, the area will be out of bounds with temporary fencing to be installed along the southern side of Building B. Some parking spaces and circulation through the carpark will be affected.

Out of an abundance of caution, there will be no traffic entry to the administration block, Building A, temporarily. Pedestrian access to the administration building should follow instructions provided.

Parents may drop students off at the gated entries on King and Glendinning streets as usual. Assisted transport for inclusion and support students will be as normal.

We will keep you updated.

Transport for NSW has advised that there are no reports of impacts to roads or bus services that will affect schools.

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

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important work.



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