Richmond High School Works notification | 22 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During routine maintenance in the ceiling of a hallway in Building 3 at Richmond High School, three small holes were found in the ceiling eaves known to contain asbestos material as per the school's asbestos register.

Work immediately stopped and the affected area was covered with corflute and taped up to fully enclose the holes. The material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the material is scheduled to take place on Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 April 2023. Additional safety measures and monitoring will be in place before works start.

The area will be cordoned off before works start, and it will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the removal and associated maintenance work is finished.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations 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 hallway is reopened to students and staff.

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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