

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

Works notification | 28 June 2023

Dear parents/carers and staff,

As you are aware, we are working to repair and remediate Building C at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus, after last week's fire.

Building C will remain cordoned off while remediation and cleaning activities are underway in the impacted rooms. These include several general learning spaces, science laboratories, stores, and prep rooms.

During work to replace the damaged carpet in the general learning spaces and corridors in Block C, asbestos containing material was identified in the glue binding the vinyl tiles under the carpet. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

Work to remove asbestos containing material will take place **during the July school holidays, from the end of school on Friday 30 June to Monday 17 July 2023**. All 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 hygienist will inspect the area following work to ensure it has been fully remediated and issue the school with a clearance certificate.

The building is expected to be reopened for teaching and learning for the start of Term 3 2023.

The health and wellbeing of our staff, students and the community is our highest priority.

We will continue to keep the school community updated.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

