

Moruya High School

Works notification | 11 March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Monday 4 March 2024, mould was found in two music rooms in Building B at Moruya High School. We started investigations to locate the source of the mould, and as a precautionary measure students and staff were relocated to B3 and the hall.

During investigations, we found vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos under the carpet. The rooms were immediately locked and made out of bounds to staff and students.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the tiles and organise samples for testing.

Testing has confirmed that the tiles contain bonded asbestos. Bonded asbestos means the asbestos is attached to other materials (such as tiles or cement) and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the tiles and remediate these rooms will take place on Saturday 16 March 2024 and Sunday 17 March 2024. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

The tiles are currently undisturbed and under carpet. As a precaution, students and staff will remain in their relocated areas until the work is completed. The music rooms will remain out of bounds, with additional safety measures, including air monitoring, put in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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 rooms will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the rooms are reopened for regular school operations.

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.

