

Erina High School

Works notification | 30 June 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and local community are our highest priorities.

On Monday 29 June 2026, a fire caused damage to 2 classrooms, a staffroom and several cupboards on level 1 of Block F at Erina High School. Although the fire occurred outside of normal school hours and no-one was injured, the whole of Block F was impacted by water and smoke damage. The school was made temporarily non-operational on Tuesday 30 June for the safety of students and staff.

We would like to provide you with an update on our work to repair the damage caused by the fire and the arrangements in place to ensure teaching and learning can continue with minimal disruption.

Onsite learning to resume from Wednesday 1 July 2026

Thank you to the school community for your flexibility while the school was non-operational today. All onsite learning will resume from tomorrow while we work to investigate the fire damage and start the necessary repairs.

Access to Block F will be unavailable for the foreseeable future. Any lessons and activities normally held in Block F will be relocated to other areas of the school. Students are advised to arrive at school at the usual time. Years 7 to 10 will assemble on the basketball court and years 11 and 12 will assemble on the bus covered outdoor learning area where they will receive more information and be escorted to their temporary classrooms, if required.

The school Assembly of Excellence will go ahead as planned with a slight change to the schedule. The Senior Assembly will now begin at 12:40 pm instead of 11:30 am.

We are in the process of arranging temporary buildings and expect these to be in place within the coming weeks. Once installed, lessons and activities normally held in Block F will be relocated to these buildings while the repair work continues.

Work on Block F

An exclusion zone has been set up around Block F and access is restricted to construction and approved personnel only.

Materials in the walls, floor and ceiling in parts of Block F are known to contain bonded asbestos, as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan. We engaged an independent hygienist to conduct testing, install air monitoring and provide advice.

To contain all asbestos material, we have sprayed the external eaves of Block F with a Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) bonding agent and safely removed any displaced fragments from the surrounding grounds.



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Air monitoring across the site has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area. The hygienist has inspected the area and provided clearance for school activities outside of Block F to resume from tomorrow.

From 7am on Wednesday 1 July 2026, we will install scaffolding and construction hoarding around Block F so contractors can safely enter the first floor of the building to start repair work. Any removal of hazardous materials will be done outside of school hours for the safety of the school community and to avoid disrupting lessons.

There may be some temporary disruption to the school's Wi-Fi service while we work to relocate the server room. We understand this can disrupt the school's administrative function and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience. We are working to address this issue quickly so full functionality can be returned to the school as soon as possible.

All work is completed in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's School Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures are in place while work is done. All work is completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

More information

We will provide more information as this work progresses. If you have any questions about this, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details included below during business hours.

Thank you for your understanding and support of our school during this important work.