Woonona High School Works notification | 31 January 2025

Dear staff

The specimen freezer in the Building A science preparation room at Woonona High School was found switched off when the school's general assistant inspected the area on 23 January 2025.

As a result, the freezer's contents had defrosted, causing liquid to spill onto part of the concrete floor and left a strong odour in the room.

The surrounding science classrooms were not affected.

The science preparation room was closed while remediation work was carried out.

Remediation work was completed on 31 January and included:

- removing the freezer and hazardous materials by licensed and qualified contractors, following the hygienist's recommendations
- grinding back the concrete floor and repainting the area with an epoxy coating; and
- installing air scrubbers to clear the air and remove any residual odour.

All work took place outside of school hours in accordance with work, health and safety laws.

The independent hygienist attended on Friday 31 January to inspect the room and re-test surfaces.

Staff and student access will remain restricted until results are returned and confirm that the area can be reopened.

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

Thank you for your patience while this work was completed.



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