

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 27 May 2024 during a routine inspection, damage was identified on some loose vinyl tiles in the laundry room in Building B at Kotara High School.

Immediately after the inspection the area was cordoned off so the flooring could be repaired accordingly, and an independent hygienist was engaged.

The tiles contain bonded asbestos as per the school's asbestos register which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Work to remove the vinyl tiles has been scheduled for 15 June 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

All 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 laundry will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before it is reopened.

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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