

Springwood High School

Works notification | 6 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are pleased to announce that we are refurbishing the science laboratories and science laboratory preparation rooms at Springwood High School.

This work involves replacing the laboratory benches, cabinetry and sections of flooring in:

- 2 science laboratory preparation rooms in Building A
- 4 science laboratory preparation rooms in Building D
- 2 science laboratories and a science laboratory preparation room in Building E.

The refurbishment project started on Monday 14 April 2025 during the Autumn School Holidays and is scheduled to be finished on Saturday 31 May 2025.

Work hours are from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm between Monday and Saturday.

These rooms will be closed in Term 2 and classes will be relocated to alternative rooms throughout the school until works are completed.

Removal of hazardous material during the Autumn School Holidays

In preparation for this work, we removed and replaced the flooring below the cabinets in these rooms between Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 April 2025.

The flooring was made up of vinyl tiles known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

The flooring around the cabinets in these rooms were previously replaced with non-hazardous material. However, the flooring directly under the cabinets could not be replaced at that time and instead was replaced as part of the current refurbishment.

Work hours were between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Once the asbestos removal work was completed, an independent hygienist inspected the site and issued a clearance certificate.

The flooring was then replaced with non-hazardous material and the remaining refurbishment works could continue.



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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.