

# Barrenjoey High School

Works notification | 1 March 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Saturday 24 February, during planned maintenance work, material suspected to be asbestos was found in vinyl floor coverings under the stage in the Building E Performance Room.

Work has ceased and the doors to the room were locked, fenced off and access restricted for students and staff.

Testing has confirmed that the vinyl tiles contain bonded asbestos, which means that they are attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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.

Once removal of the tiles has taken place the Performance Room will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate, before the room is reopened.

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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about the work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

