

Glendale Technology High School

Works notification | 27 April 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

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

On Monday 20 April 2026, a fire caused significant damage to Building F (canteen, wellbeing hub and one classroom) at Glendale Technology High School. The fire caused structural damage to the building, compromising safe access to the adjacent buildings E and G, and the school was made temporarily non-operational between Wednesday 22 April and Friday 24 April for the safety of students and staff.

We would like to provide you with an update on the arrangements we have put in place to ensure teaching and learning continue with minimal disruption, and the work we are undertaking to stabilise Building F.

Temporary relocation of classes

Thank you to the school community for your flexibility while the school was non-operational last week.

Please note that on-site learning resumes for all students from Tuesday, 28 April 2026, while work continues safely on buildings E, F and G.

Please take note of the following adjustments:

- Classes normally held in buildings E and G will be relocated to alternative spaces available within the school hall.
- Classes for Year 11 and 12 students will be relocated to the nearby Glendale TAFE, who has generously provided available learning space for staff and students to use at this time.

Students are advised to arrive at school at the usual time where they will receive more information and be escorted to new temporary classrooms by their teachers, as required.

We are in the process of arranging temporary demountable buildings and expect these to be in place within the next 3 weeks. Once installed, lessons will be relocated to these buildings while work continues on buildings E, F and G.

Students are advised to bring their lunch with them to school while the canteen remains closed.



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Work on Building F

An exclusion zone was set up to isolate the 3 affected buildings. We engaged an independent hygienist to conduct testing and install air monitoring, and a structural engineer to provide an independent professional assessment.

Material in the walls, floor and ceiling in parts of Building F is known to have bonded asbestos containing material (ACM) as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

The independent hygienist identified that the state of some ACM in Building F has changed from bonded to friable asbestos due to the fire. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Air monitoring to date 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.

Works to temporarily secure the building were conducted from Wednesday 22 April to Sunday 26 April 2026 include:

- spraying areas with a Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) bonding agent
- boarding up openings with timber panels and securing and covering the roof tarpaulins.

Air monitoring will continue following completion of these works. These measures will remain in place while we plan for the future of Building F.

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

More information

If you have any questions about this work, 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.