

Henry Kendall and Gosford High Schools

Works notification | 27 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Tuesday 12 February 2024 following a routine inspection, a small section of undisturbed asbestos containing material was identified on a shelf underneath a wooden panel in the chicken coop. The coop is located on the shared agricultural farm lot between Henry Kendall and Gosford High Schools. This shed/coop was not listed on the school's asbestos register.

As a precaution, the area was immediately isolated with existing fencing and gates, a hygienist was engaged, and the material was sampled for testing. Testing has confirmed the shelf contained asbestos.

Work to remove the material began on Saturday 24 February with the hygienist scheduled to attend for an additional removal date and a final inspection on Saturday 2 March 2024. The area will remain isolated until the hygienist has provided clearance to re-open the space for use.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place.

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 local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

