

# Merewether High School

## Works notification | 1 May 2025

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

On 22 April 2025, during the autumn holidays, a minor electrical fire occurred in the uniform shop in Building I, where the student toilets are also located, at Merewether High School.

Following an inspection, licensed professionals attended the school to conduct safety checks and urgent repairs.

As part of the repair work, on Saturday 10 May 2025, we will be removing vinyl tiles located under the existing carpet. These vinyl tiles were undamaged by the fire but are 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".

During the tile removal works there will be air monitoring, temporary fencing, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment at the school.

Once the tiles have been removed, the independent hygienist will provide clearance for repairs to continue.

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 asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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