

# The Rivers Secondary College Kadina High Campus

## Works notification | 27 March 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers, and neighbours,

On Wednesday 12 March 2025, we found damaged vinyl floor tiles in the canteen, canteen storerooms and canteen staff toilet at The Rivers Secondary College Kadina High Campus.

The canteen floor tiles are known to contain asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. The canteen was closed the same afternoon after the damage was discovered.

We engaged an independent hygienist to test the tiles and results confirmed they contained bonded asbestos. 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".

On Thursday 13 March, a licensed contractor encapsulated the tiles using geotextile fabric and plywood and plans were made to temporarily relocate the canteen facilities.

On Monday 24 March the canteen was reopened in its new location at Lab 5 in Building A. Canteen operations will continue from this room until works are completed.

### **Asbestos removal**

On Thursday 27 March, the floor tiles will be removed between the hours of 4 pm and 8:30 pm in accordance with NSW Environment Protection Authority construction times. There will not be noisy works during these hours.

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

Once the tiles are removed, an independent hygienist will issue a clearance certificate.

Between Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April the tiles will be replaced with nonhazardous material. Work hours will be between 7 am to 5 pm.

Canteen operations will return to its original location by Day 1 Term 2 2025.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

