

Prairiewood High School

Works notification | 20 February 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During scheduled maintenance works at Prairiewood High School on Tuesday 27 January 2026, a contractor was inspecting an air conditioning unit that was not working in a demountable classroom building. The unit was assessed as unable to be repaired and requires replacement.

While carrying out this work, the contractor identified ceiling lining panels in the classroom as possibly containing asbestos as noted on the School's Asbestos Management Plan.

Following this identification, an independent hygienist completed testing and provided recommendations the same day. Testing results received on Wednesday 28 January 2026 confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

Due to the ceiling linings being in a good condition, the hygienist recommended the room could continue to be used. The School's Asbestos Management Plan will be updated to include this recent find.

An independent hygienist and licensed contractor will inspect and carry out remediation works, including the removal of 2 ceiling lining panels containing asbestos, during the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the classroom on Saturday 28 February 2026. Work will take place between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm.

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".

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 inspected by independent hygienists who will issue a clearance certificate before the room is reopened.

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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