

Macarthur Girls High School

Works notification | 26 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Saturday 8 March 2025, we will be removing a Thermicon heater from a classroom in Building B at Macarthur Girls High School.

Many older heaters contain bonded asbestos which was widely used for its fire-resistant properties. As the heater has not been dismantled or damaged, it is considered low risk.

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”.

Specialist contractors will transport the heater from the school to be correctly disposed of. The classroom is now air conditioned and does not need a heater.

The heater is not listed on the school’s asbestos register.

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.

The heater will be removed between 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday 8 March in accordance with NSW Environment Protection Authority construction times.

A clearance certificate will be issued before the classroom is reopened for use by students and staff.

An independent hygienist will include the new information on the school’s asbestos register.

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.

