

St Marys Senior High School

Works notification | 15 December 2025

Dear staff,

Asbestos was used widely in Australian building materials prior to 1990. Due to the age of many NSW public schools, asbestos-containing materials may be present.

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

The way we manage the presence of asbestos in NSW public schools involves maintaining an Asbestos Management Plan for each school and engaging independent hygienists for expert advice.

We previously advised that we are repairing carpet and removing asbestos-containing tiles and adhesive (under the carpet) in a music storeroom and practice room. This is happening imminently, in the school holidays.

As an extra precaution we engaged an independent hygienist to undertake air monitoring in the other practice room and the larger music space next to it.

All air monitoring to date has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

In following the advice of the independent hygienist, we will remediate the 2 additional rooms in our 2026-27 planned maintenance program.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

