

St Marys Senior High School

Works notification | 4 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 26 November 2024 a small amount of mercury was spilled in the chemical storeroom in Building E at St Marys Senior High School.

Mercury is a naturally occurring liquid metal that will slowly vaporize in ambient air and may cause adverse health impacts if inhaled once vaporized.

The area was immediately made out of bounds and temporary fencing was installed to restrict access.

The same day, Fire and Rescue NSW attended the site, contained the spill and placed all contaminated material in a sealed air-tight bag.

On Thursday 28 November 2024 an independent hygienist attended the school to remove and correctly dispose of the contaminated material.

After assessing the area, the hygienist issued a clearance certificate and the storeroom was reopened for use Friday 29 November 2024.

We followed the advice and protocols outlined in the Department of Education's guidelines to safely contain, clean and remove contaminated material.

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.



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