

Kingscliff Public School

Works notification | 25 September 2023

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

Further to the notification issued on the **18 September 2023** (*over page*), subsequent investigations have revealed that in addition to the presence of non-friable asbestos in buildings A and C at Kingscliff Public School, the insulation around a hot water unit in Building A, and the ceilings of the internal walkway of Building C, contain friable asbestos.

Bonded asbestos is attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. Friable asbestos is loose or contained in material which can be crumbled to powder by hand pressure.

SafeWork NSW has been notified.

The remediation of friable asbestos includes the establishment of a negative pressure enclosure over the affected site (an airtight bubble). Contractors in specialised personal protective clothing and equipment (PPE), will then spray the affected areas with PVA glue to convert the friable asbestos to bonded asbestos. Air monitoring before, during, and after the removal process will take place.

Workers will be entering the site in their PPE and will exit in normal clothing following decontamination protocols.

When the friable asbestos has been removed and inspected, a clearance certificate will be issued. The airtight bubble will then be removed as it will no longer be required for further remediation of bonded asbestos containing material.

We are following all the advice and protocols of licensed asbestos removalists, assessors, and other experts. All asbestos containing material will be removed during the school holidays and in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

In addition, lead paint and synthetic material fibres (SMF) used in the manufacturing of insulation, have also been identified and will be removed as part of the demolition process.

To remove the SMF we will wet spray the affected materials, then wrap and seal them. Lead paint will be stripped in a contained environment.

All hazardous materials will be disposed of in a licenced hazardous waste management facility.

Further testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened for the balance of demolition and new construction to resume. Traffic management will be in place.

Thank you for your understanding while we undertake this important work.



Dear staff, parents, and carers,

As part of the ongoing upgrades to Kingscliff Public School, the following works will commence over the September/October school holidays, for completion by early November 2023.

Asbestos removal

As part of the demolition of Buildings A and C, at Kingscliff Public School, asbestos containing material needs to be removed from the ceiling and eaves. The material is classed as non-friable bonded asbestos sheeting, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure. These areas are currently being used safely as the material is in the ceiling cavity and eaves and is undisturbed.

The area will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Further testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before demolition works commence.

Asbestos removal will commence on Saturday 23 September 2023 and be completed by 7 October 2023.

Demolition works

After the asbestos is removed, Buildings A, C and the COLA will be demolished. It is anticipated that the demolition and clear up will take up to six weeks (commencing on 23 September and being completed by 4 November 2023).

During the demolition there will be additional noise and dust. Efforts will be made to reduce the impact of noise and dust on the school and local residents.

Demolition will take place between the hours of:

- 7am to 6pm – Monday to Friday
- 8am to 1pm – Saturday.

Demountable Removals

From 2 October 2023, 11 demountable classrooms will be removed from the older section of Kingscliff Public School. There may be additional traffic during this period. Traffic control will be in place during this period.

Staying informed

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share updates as the project progresses. Visit the project website at schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au for all the project details, project updates and documentation or register via the form on the 'Get involved' tab to have project updates and notifications like this emailed to you.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



