

Muswellbrook South Public School upgrade

Works notification | 13 September 2023

We are upgrading Muswellbrook South Public School with improved education facilities to support the student community.

Removal of asbestos containing material starting Saturday 16 September 2023

During construction activities at Muswellbrook South Public School, asbestos containing material was found in the floor tiles under the carpet in Block B and behind the skirting in Block C. Asbestos was commonly used between the 1940s and late 1980s and is present today in the materials of the era. This includes materials such as old bricks, eave linings, vinyl tiles and the glue used to adhere them. The asbestos found in this case is bonded asbestos, which means it cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As the work area is within the construction zone, the areas have already been cordoned off and are inaccessible to students, staff and members of the public.

Removal of asbestos containing materials in Blocks B and C will start on Saturday 16 September 2023 and is expected to be completed by Monday 25 September 2023, weather and site conditions pending. During removal, safety measures will be put in place including dust and air monitoring. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours. Once removed, asbestos materials will be placed into covered bins or trucks and transported to a licenced hazardous materials waste disposal facility.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated. The builder will receive a clearance certificate before construction continues in the area.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

