

Tweed Schools

Works notification | 9 September 2021

Asbestos removal at Tweed Heads South Public School

As previously notified on 6 August 2021, asbestos containing material was found in the internal walls and ceiling linings of the former OHSC Building. In addition, asbestos containing material is known to be in the vinyl tiles, eaves and window putty of Block E. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The material is scheduled to be removed from the school between Friday 10 and Friday 17 September 2021.

Safety measures and monitoring will be put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. The area will be cordoned off and will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation is completed.

As a precaution, temporary fencing will be installed on Friday 10 September to create an exclusion zone for the duration of the works. This exclusion zone will extend in to Tweed River High School. The temporary exclusion zone will include:

- Block S, Block G and the Dance Studio at Tweed River High School
- Building 2, Building 3 and Building 1 at Tweed Heads South Public School.

These plans have been developed in consultation with Tweed Heads South Public School and Tweed River High School leadership to safely maintain school operations and minimise disruption to the small number of staff and students on site.

Hours of work

The removal of asbestos containing material from Block E will take place outside of school hours from 3.30 pm to 7 pm on Friday 10 September and 7 am to 3 pm on Saturday 11 September 2021.

The removal of asbestos containing material from the former OHSC Building will take place between Monday 13 September and Friday 17 September within standard construction hours from 7 am to 5 pm.

Safety

The health, safety and well-being of the local community is our highest priority.

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.

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The material will be removed by a licenced asbestos removal contractor. Air and dust will be monitored throughout the works and a licenced hygienist will be on site for the duration of the removal.

Testing will be completed to ensure the areas has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place for the site and the contractor will enforce strict compliance. Our construction sites follow all current health guidelines, including a one person per 4sqm rule and all workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

Further investigations

During the upcoming school holidays, further investigations will be conducted on other buildings that are part of the upgrade projects at both schools. This will be completed by a licenced asbestos contractor. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

Thank you for your patience during the upgrade.

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