

NSW Department of Education
Ballina Public School
Works notification | 6 May 2024



Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Tuesday 9 April 2024, a wall sheet in a stairwell in Building I at Ballina Public School was damaged.

The sheeting was suspected to contain asbestos, so as a precautionary measure the area was cordoned off and made inaccessible to students and staff.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area and take samples for testing.

On 3 May 2024, testing confirmed the wall sheet does contain asbestos. The asbestos is bonded which means it is attached to another material such as vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled under light pressure.

Work to remediate the area is being organised and the area will remain cordoned off and inaccessible to students and staff.

Additional safety measures, including air monitoring will be in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent 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, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is made accessible to students and staff.

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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