

# Ballina Public School

## Works notification | 9 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In the 2025 spring school holidays, during work to replace carpet in the southeastern classroom on the first floor of Building D at Ballina Public School, vinyl tiles suspected to contain asbestos were found by contractors.

This area was not identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

Asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) are products that include asbestos fibres bonded into other materials, like vinyl tiles, making them safe when intact. NSW Health explains that “living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged”.

As the tiles were in good condition, expert advice outlined removal was not required however we try to remove any ACM during maintenance or refurbishment work in the same area. While we were planning the removal of the tiles, the existing carpet was laid back down.

On Saturday 14 March 2026, all suspected asbestos-containing materials will be removed under the guidance of an independent hygienist who will issue a clearance certificate before work restarts. Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place.

All asbestos-related 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 asbestos contractors.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.



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