

Barraba Central School

Works notification | 7 December 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During construction as part of the administration office upgrade at Barraba Central School asbestos containing material was found underneath the carpet in the reception office and foyer. 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.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

Work will take place on Thursday 8 December 2022. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours and in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

The area is cordoned off within the worksite and separated by hoarding and a fence. Safety measures have been implemented including air monitoring and the area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the removal and associated maintenance work is completed.

The area will be remediated 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 independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

