

Beecroft Public School

Works notification | 6 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In our works notification dated 4 December 2024, we advised that a small amount of material suspected of containing asbestos was found during excavation for the new BOOSH modular building. An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing and provide advice.

Testing has confirmed that the material in holes excavated in preparation for the installation of the modular building contains bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remediate the area will take place tomorrow, Saturday 7 December.

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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists. Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued before work continues.

Building transfer and traffic impacts

The new modular building will be moved onto the school site on Monday 16 December 2024 from 10 am.

Trucks will enter and exit the school site via Mary Street, which will be restricted while work is taking place.

Mary Street will be intermittently affected during work hours due to large vehicle movements. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

Traffic controllers will be used where required for the safety of students, staff and the local community. Please follow the directions of any temporary signage and traffic controllers.

Work hours

A mobile crane will safely lift the modular building onto the school site.

Work will be completed between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm Monday 16 December 2024. The work is expected to be finished on this day, weather and site conditions permitting.

All work will take place within the school grounds and will be coordinated with the school to avoid disruption to student learning.

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.



Notification issued on 4 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

You will be aware, through [recent communications](#), we have removed the BOOSH Cottage and plan to replace it with a modular building at Beecroft Public School.

A small amount of suspected asbestos-containing material was found by a contractor during excavation works, while preparing for the installation of the new building on Monday 2 December 2024.

While the area was already cordoned off, and inaccessible to students and staff, work was stopped. The area was covered with plastic sheeting and the surrounding ground was sprayed with water to minimise the movement of dirt and dust.

Test results and remediation

An independent hygienist attended yesterday (Tuesday 3 December) and took samples for testing. Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place.

Out of an abundance of caution, students were kept inside while testing occurred.

We will keep the community informed about the test results and remediation, which will be guided by the independent hygienist.

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'.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued before work continues.

Building transfer and out of school hours care

The outcome of test results will determine when the new building, which will be operational from Day 1 Term 1 2025, is moved onto the school site.

Out of school hours care, including vacation care, will continue as planned from the existing BOOSH building and an adjacent demountable building.

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

We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.