

# Bellingen Public School

## Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Summer School Holidays, we replaced the carpet in 2 classrooms in Building 5 at Bellingen Public School. The carpet had deteriorated and presented as a trip hazard.

Work included removing and replacing the vinyl floor tiles under the carpet. The vinyl tiles and adhesive used for the tiles were known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

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."

Once the hygienist was satisfied that all asbestos had been removed, a clearance certificate was issued before the tiles and carpet were replaced with non-hazardous material.

The work was finished on the carpets and the classrooms reopened in time for students and staff to enjoy from Day 1 Term 1 2025.

### **Repair works on Thursday 6 February 2025**

On Thursday 6 February 2025 outside of school hours, we will be repairing a damaged soffit in the external movement area of Building 5. A soffit is the finish material that's visible beneath the roof overhang on a building.

The soffit is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register. This area and the adjoining area will have restricted access as a precaution.

When the works are completed, a clearance certificate will be issued and the fenced area will be reopened.

All work is done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures are in place while work is done. All work is completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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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