

Bourke Public School

Works notification | 4 March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Following recent heavy rain, on 20 February 2024 staff noticed a damaged eave in a walkway near Building A at Bourke Public School. Contractors engaged to repair the eave suspected the material contained asbestos.

The eave was temporarily secured, and the area cordoned off. Testing confirmed the eaves, which were not listed on the school's asbestos register, contained asbestos.

The eave material was removed outside of school hours on Monday 26 February 2024 with air monitoring in place.

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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The school received a clearance certificate from an independent hygienist before the walkway was reopened for use on 27 February 2024.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

