

Coonabarabran Public School

Works notification | 20 March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

A recent leak from an air conditioner damaged carpet in a classroom in Building 6 at Coonabarabran Public School. It was identified that the water damaged carpet had mould and the classroom was cordoned off from students and staff.

An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing. As the vinyl tile flooring underneath the carpet was suspected to contain asbestos despite not being listed on the school's asbestos register, it was also tested.

Testing confirmed the vinyl tiles, which are undamaged and in a stable condition, contain bonded asbestos. They will be removed as part of the work to replace the flooring in this classroom.

Work to remove the vinyl tiles and replace the carpet has been scheduled for Monday 15 April 2024.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place. 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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the flooring work, the school will receive a clearance certificate from an independent hygienist before the classroom is reopened for use.

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.

