

Coonabarabran Public School

Works notification | 6 April 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The Department of Education installed new and efficient LED lighting at Coonabarabran Public School on 27 February 2023.

During a review we identified that the contractor had installed the lights using a method different to the established work practices for the program. The contractor drilled into a ceiling with known asbestos containing materials in a classroom in Building G.

Following the Department of Education's protocols on the management of asbestos in schools, we engaged an independent occupational hygienist to review the work and conduct testing. As an added precaution during this time, we have also cordoned off the area to keep staff and students separate.

The hygienist attended the site on Wednesday 5 April and installed air monitoring.

We will continue to follow all advice and recommendations from the hygienist which may include an environmental clean of the area outside of school hours.

If necessary, the classroom in Building G will be remediated **during the April school holidays between Friday 7 April and Sunday 23 April 2023.**

Other works taking place during this school holiday period as part of planned maintenance activities, include removal of asbestos containing material in some wall and ceiling sheets in Buildings B, C, E and F.

All work will be done 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 asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The areas will be inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the areas are reopened for next term.

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

Thank you for your understanding.

