

# Coorabell Public School

## Works notification | 27 April 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Over the recent April school holidays, suspected asbestos containing material was discovered in the ceiling eave in a sports storeroom in Building B at Coorabell Public School, during maintenance work to replace a light fitting.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means the asbestos is attached to another material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. The storeroom was cordoned off during the holidays and remains out of bounds to anyone on site.

The department is already working to remove ceiling eave sheets known to contain asbestos from the demountable located next to Building B (unisex toilet) and will schedule the removal of the additional eave from the storeroom on the same day. The demountable is being safely used at present as the eave sheets are undisturbed.

Work to remove the eave sheeting from both locations will be conducted by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before works start.

The works are expected to be completed by Sunday 30 April 2023.

The demountable will be cordoned off before works start, and safety measures and monitoring put in place. It will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the removal work is finished.

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.

Both the storeroom and the demountable will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the areas are reopened to students and staff.

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.

