

Dubbo South Public School

Works notification | 10 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

While preparing for the planned demolition of the Building G concrete slab at Dubbo South Public School, bonded asbestos was found inside the concrete on Tuesday 9 July 2024.

NSW Health explains if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

An independent hygienist assessed the site, on Tuesday night, followed by a SafeWork NSW inspection on the morning of Wednesday 10 July 2024.

Work was also suspended on Wednesday as an additional precaution.

SafeWork NSW approved demolition to take place from Thursday 11 July 2024, under the hygienist's supervision.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

As an additional precaution, to prevent any asbestos exposure risk, students attending the vacation care service at Dubbo South Public School will be moved to Dubbo West Public School for Thursday 11 July 2024 and Friday 12 July 2024.

We are planning to remove all asbestos from the site by Monday 15 July 2024, with a clearance certificate to be issued by the hygienist, allowing the service to resume at Dubbo South Public School for the second week of holidays.

The department will remain in contact with the vacation care provider and issue updates if the situation changes.

Safety measures will be in place while work is being done.

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.

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.

