

Fairfield Public School

Works notification | 22 February 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As notified below earlier this week, testing was conducted in Building R at Fairfield Public School. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Works to remediate the area will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 25 February and Sunday 26 February 2023. All asbestos containing material will be removed in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

The area has been out of bounds since Day 1, Term 1 2023 and will remain out of bounds to students, staff and visitors until the removal and associated remediation work is finished.

Thank you for your patience.

20 February 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During inspections to assess damage caused by flooding at Fairfield Public School, suspected asbestos containing material was found under the carpet in a classroom in Building R. As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

Testing will be conducted on Wednesday 22 February 2023 by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed. We anticipate to receive the testing results by the end of the week.

If necessary, this area will be remediated 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 independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff.

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 understanding during this important work.

