

Forster Public School

Works notification | 13 December 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During routine inspections at Forster Public School, a single damaged eave sheet with suspected asbestos containing material was found near the hall. As a precaution, the area has been covered to keep students, staff and school visitors safe.

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

Testing will be conducted by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

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.

Any required work will take place during the school holidays between Wednesday 21 December and Thursday 26 January 2023. All asbestos containing material will be removed in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

The area will be cordoned off before works start, and safety measures and monitoring will be put in place and the area will remain out of bounds to any staff or students who may visit the school over the holidays until the removal and associated maintenance work is completed.

The area will be inspected to ensure the area 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 the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

