

Gilgandra Public School

Works notification | 7 March 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Suspected mould was found in the carpet of a Building B ground floor classroom at Gilgandra Public School on 18 February 2025.

The classroom was closed and students were relocated to alternate learning spaces while the room was cleaned (21 February) and testing was completed by an independent hygienist.

Further inspections in Building B and C ground floor classrooms found damp carpets, caused by leaking windows.

As a precaution, all classes were relocated to alternate learning spaces from February 21 to Tuesday 4 March.

Testing by an independent hygienist, including air monitoring, returned results within acceptable limits and clearance was provided to reopen all classrooms on Wednesday 5 March.

All work involving mould took place with appropriate safety measures in place.

Suspected asbestos-containing materials were identified in the window putty and is known to be present in the vinyl floor tiles located underneath the carpet, as listed in the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

Asbestos removal and floor replacement in all 4 classrooms will take place during the school holidays.

All work will be done by licensed and accredited contractors in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Following the work, the classrooms will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance certificates will be issued.

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.



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