Goolmangar Public School

Works notification

25 November 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During works as part of the Rural Access Gap program at Goolmangar Public School, asbestos containing material was found within a wall in Block A. As a precaution, the area within Block A has been cordoned off to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist confirmed the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

An independent hygienist visited the site on Friday 25 November 2022 to undertake further testing and all air monitoring samples collected since the find have returned results consistent with normal air quality (i.e. <0.01 fibre/mL).

Work to remediate asbestos containing material in Block A will be scheduled. We will continue to keep the community updated and inform you of the date of remediation works when this is confirmed.

Additional safety measures and monitoring will be put in place before works start. The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the remediation work is completed.

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.

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

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