

Gunnedah Public School

Works notification

20 October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Upcoming maintenance works at Gunnedah Public School will require working with asbestos containing material. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that 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.

The material is located in the roof of Block G, which is inaccessible to students and staff and will remain out of bounds until removal is completed.

The area will be remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. 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 material is scheduled to be removed from Block G on Saturday 13 November 2021. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours.

Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place for the site and the contractor will enforce strict compliance. Our construction sites will follow all current health guidelines, including a one person per 4sqm rule in necessary and all workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

Safety is the number one priority for School Infrastructure NSW and we are following all health advice in relation to construction sites.

The NSW Government is investing \$60 million to provide roof repairs and replacements to priority schools across rural and regional NSW. The above work will take place before maintenance work will start.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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