

Hernani Public School

Works notification | 28 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Saturday 2 November between 9am and 5pm, fibre cement debris will be removed from inside the ceiling cavity of Building B at Hernani Public School.

According to the school's asbestos register, the ceiling in this building is listed as containing friable asbestos. We engaged an independent hygienist who performed further testing to confirm this.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure. The asbestos-containing material in the ceiling is encapsulated and for this reason the building has remained operational.

All work will be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done.

All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Asbestos fibres pose a risk to health if airborne. All air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results represent a consistent finding that there is no detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area. In this case the evidence and advice from our hygienist confirms that there is no airborne asbestos in this area.

Once work is completed, an independent hygienist will inspect the building and issue a clearance certificate before it is reopened for use.

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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