

Mendooran Central School

Works notification | 31 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

The boys' toilets at Mendooran Central School were recently damaged, including the ceiling. Asbestos containing material was known to be present in the ceiling lining and it was on the asbestos register.

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.

We engaged a licenced and accredited asbestos contractor to inspect and remediate the area and enclose the ceiling, between Friday 24 March and Tuesday 28 March 2023. The area was cordoned off before works started and will remain out of bounds until the independent hygienist provides the school with a clearance certificate.

Further follow up remediation work is required to fully replace the ceiling lining. The scope of this work is being finalised.

If the contractor and hygienist can be engaged and start work in time for the April school holidays, the remediation will take place between Friday 7 April and Sunday 23 April 2023. Further safety measures and monitoring will be put in place before works start, and the area will remain out of bounds until all remediation and maintenance work is completed.

All remediation work is done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work is completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

If the ceiling replacement cannot be scheduled for the April school holidays, the area will be inspected, and the school will receive a clearance certificate confirming the toilets can be reopened for use. We will keep the community updated.

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.

