

Orara Upper Public School

Works notification | 16 December 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During work to repair air conditioners in two classrooms in Block A at Orara Upper Public School, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the wall behind the air conditioners. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. Work on the air conditioners stopped immediately and the material was not disturbed. Please be assured the rooms are currently safe for use.

We are following all the advice and protocols of the independent hygienist, asbestos removalist, and other experts.

Work will take place during the summer school holidays on Monday 16 January 2023. Safety measures and monitoring will be put in place and the area will remain out of bounds to any staff or students until the removal and associated maintenance 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 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.

