

Port Macquarie Public School

Works notification | 18 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 9 September 2024, a classroom window was damaged in Building F at Port Macquarie Public School.

The window seals were undisturbed but suspected to contain asbestos. Replacing the glass of these windows involves disturbing the window seals.

As a precaution, a contractor was engaged to conceal the window with plywood until it could be tested and repaired.

An independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the site and take samples for testing. The hygienist advised the classroom could remain operational.

On Friday 11 October, testing results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos in the window seals. NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

On Saturday 19 October, the asbestos will be removed and the window repaired between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

All work will be 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 in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Once works are completed, a clearance certificate will be issued by the hygienist.

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.

