

Thirroul Public School

Works notification | 27 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A fibro soffit located under the eave of Building G at Thirroul Public School has been damaged by a soccer ball today, Wednesday 27 November 2024.

The soffit is known to contain bonded asbestos and is listed in the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains 'if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk'.

At the time of the incident, access to the area was immediately restrict, and students were moved from nearby classrooms to alternative learning spaces for the afternoon.

A licensed and accredited contractor visited the school this afternoon, 27 November to encapsulate the soffit, under the supervision of an independent hygienist who inspected the area.

Following the inspection and with advice form the hygienist, students will return to their usual classrooms on Thursday 28 November.

Remediation will be planned with a licensed contractor to remove the damaged soffit and replace it with plasterboard.

All work involving asbestos materials will take place outside of school hours.

We will keep the community updated when the work is scheduled.

Once remediation is complete, the independent hygienist will inspect the area to confirm it has been fully remediated.

Air monitoring will be in place while work is being done.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

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.

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.

