NSW Department of Education

Kahibah Public School

Community update | 18 June 2024

Dear students, staff, parents and carers,

This is an update to let you know that we are continuing to manage in-ground asbestos at Kahibah Public School.

Following on from our last update (March 2024), the independent hygienist is still finalising the Remediation Action Plan (RAP). The department is also working with an independent arborist to review tree coverage in the outdoor areas. This is to support the growth of grass to ensure good ground cover.

As a precaution, the geofabric layer is still in place, as well as the temporary fencing to secure the area. Later in Term 3 2024, planned landscaping works will include the installation of fresh soil, turf, plants and mulch into some of the areas currently covered with geofabric. Once established, this new ground cover will ensure adequate capping of the ground and allow these areas to be reopened in the future.

Alongside the RAP, a site-specific asbestos management plan is being finalised that will inform the ongoing management activities on the site. When finalised, this will be published online with the school's asbestos register on the department website: https://edu.nsw.link/asbestosregister

We will continue to provide updates to the school community as planning progresses. While planning takes place, we continue to follow all advice from the independent hygienist on maintaining existing measures in place onsite.

All air monitoring results to date have 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.

Planned works these Winter School Holidays will include tree trimming in all outdoor areas.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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