

Biraban Public School

Works notification | 1 September 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to the notification distributed on 21 July 2023, work to repair 2 broken windows in a classroom in Building F at Biraban Public School will take place on Saturday 16 September 2023. Work will include removing asbestos containing material within the window frames.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

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 classroom will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the it is reopened.

Subfloor of Building I

During routine inspections, vinyl tiles and fragments suspected to contain asbestos were identified in the subfloor area of Building I. This is inaccessible to students and staff.

An independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the subfloor of Building I and take samples for testing to confirm the nature of the material.

Testing has confirmed that the material within the vinyl tiles and fragments found is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The vinyl tiles and fragments will be removed as soon as licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled.

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.

