

Biraban Public School

Works notification | 21 September 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Monday 18 September, following routine cleaning at Biraban Public School, suspected asbestos containing material was identified in the window frames of 3 rooms located on the first floor of Building C.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist on the same day to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation was needed. Testing has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The rooms were cordoned off to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

Work to remediate the window frames and clean the rooms took place on Tuesday 19 September 2023. All work involving asbestos containing materials took place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work started.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The rooms were inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and on the advice of the hygienist, the rooms have been reopened.

Contractors will return to apply a silicon surface treatment in the window frames, and we will keep the community updated on the scheduling of licensed and accredited contractors to complete this work.

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.

