

Point Clare Public School

Works notification | 11 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of maintenance works at Point Clare Public School, we are replacing a window panel attached to a sliding door in a classroom in Building A. Putty material in this window frame was suspected to contain bonded asbestos.

As a precaution, after the window was damaged, the glass was secured, the room was cordoned off and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and install air monitoring.

Testing confirmed the material in the door window frame contained bonded asbestos, which means it was attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to repair the window will be completed outside of school hours during the school holidays on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

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.

Following the work, the room will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the rooms are reopened.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

