

Balarang Public School

Works notification | 2 June 2025

Dear parents, carers, staff, and neighbours

During recent weather events, a tree and a fence on the north side of the playground (closest to the Esplanade) at Balarang Public School were damaged.

While inspecting the damage, we found a sheet of fibre cement, a material commonly used for wall panels and cladding. These sheets were installed below ground as a retaining wall along the boundary shared with one neighbour, underneath the existing fence.

The material is suspected to contain asbestos and is currently undisturbed and in good condition.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

We will be removing the damaged fence and any materials suspected to contain asbestos from the grounds. A new steel fence will be installed in its place. All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 14 June 2025.

During the asbestos removal work there will be air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment at the school.

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 asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the work continues to install the new fence.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

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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