

# Coleambally Central School

## Works notification | 22 July 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

While replacing a ceiling sheet in the senior boys' toilet in Building J at Coleambally Central school, during the Winter School Holidays, water and termite damage were found in the ceiling beams.

A contractor carrying out the work suspected the ceiling sheet – which fell due to water damage – contained bonded asbestos.

An independent hygienist was engaged to test the material. The samples confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

While replacing the sheet, the contractor noticed the ceiling beams had water and termite damage.

We received recommendations to replace all ceiling sheets and beams.

The toilets have been made off-limits to staff and students from Monday 22 July 2024.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours – on Saturday 27 July and Sunday 28 July 2024.

Air monitoring will be in use during asbestos removal work.

Installation of replacement sheets and beams will be completed by 18 August 2024, depending on the availability of materials and contractors. Senior boys are asked to use the other toilet facilities throughout the school during this work.

A hygienist will inspect the toilets and issue a clearance certificate before the facilities are reopened.

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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

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.

