

NSW Department of Education
Culburra Public School
Works notification | 30 May 2024



Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Friday 24 May 2024, we noticed a cracked ceiling eave sheet outside the library (Building H) at Culburra Public School. The eave sheet is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

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.

As per the school's asbestos management plan, the area was immediately cordoned off to prevent access and minimise the risk of further damage.

We engaged an independent hygienist and they were able to remediate the area and replace the eave sheet on Saturday 25 May 2024. Additional safety measures and air monitoring were put in place before the work started and a clearance certificate was issued before the area was reopened.

While on site, the independent hygienist noticed another walkway eave that was damaged in Building C. This area was cordoned off and made inaccessible. Arrangements are being made for the hygienist to return and complete the new scope of work.

This new find prompted an inspection of all eaves at the school, and we have found 8 with cracks or damaged panels. These areas have been cordoned off and will be included in the next scope of work.

All work will be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be put in place while work is being done. 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.

In addition to the eave replacement completed on Saturday 25 May 2024, the independent hygienist conducted an environmental clean in an old unused storeroom connected to the library. The storeroom had visible mould growth. The room will remain locked while we investigate the cause of the mould and wait for further remediation recommendations (if required). This work is not impacting normal school operations.

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.

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