

# Cootamundra High School

## Works notification | 10 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Friday 3 May 2024, a damaged eave sheet was found near the canteen at Cootamundra High School. The area was isolated immediately by staff.

As per the school's asbestos register, the eave is known to contain bonded asbestos which means it is attached to vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

On Monday 6 May 2024, before school started, the ceiling area was encapsulated by a licensed and accredited asbestos contractor.

Work to remove the asbestos and replace the eave sheet is still being organised. The area will be cordoned off with additional safety measures and air monitoring put in place before the work starts.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

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.

When work is complete, the area will be inspected by an independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate to confirm it has been fully remediated.

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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