Yass High School Works notification | 18 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A staff member found minor damage to fibro sheeting fixed to the side of the agricultural demountable at Yass High School yesterday (Thursday 17 October 2024).

There is assumed bonded asbestos in the sheeting, as listed in the school's asbestos register.

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.

An independent hygienist inspected the damage yesterday and removed samples for testing.

All loose debris was secured and sealed in plastic.

The damaged sheeting and corners of the building have been covered in heavy duty plastic and the area has been temporarily fenced until the sheeting can be replaced.

Classes have continued in the demountable with no impact to school operations.

If testing results confirm the presence of asbestos, safety measures will be in place while work is being done.

All work would be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

All work would be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The hygienist would then inspect the area to confirm it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate would be issued before it is reopened.

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



