

Coonabarabran High School

Works notification

19 October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

During regular school operations at Coonabarabran High School, there was a mercury spill in the science lab on Tuesday 12 October 2021. Immediate action was taken to contain the spill which included students being evacuated immediately. The students were not impacted by the spill and as a precaution, the area has been isolated and will remain out of bounds until remediation has been completed.

We acknowledge that even the smallest traces of hazardous materials or substances can be an unsettling experience for our school communities. Our role is to be vigilant across all our schools and to understand how these events can affect people, while ensuring students, staff and parents have the information they need to feel safe at school.

The impacted areas will be remediated in accordance with advice provided by an independent occupational hygienist, Department of Education's WHS policies and SafeWork NSW regulations.

Environmental monitoring will be completed post remediation works to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is open to students and staff.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place for the site and the contractor will enforce strict compliance. Our construction sites will follow all current health guidelines, including a one person per 4sqm rule and all workers wearing masks for indoor and outdoor work.

Safety is the number one priority for School Infrastructure NSW and we are following all health advice in relation to construction sites.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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