

Coonabarabran High School

School holiday works notification | 27 April 2023

School Infrastructure NSW regularly inspects and maintains school infrastructure as part of a comprehensive and ongoing program to keep school assets in optimal condition and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community across more than 2,200 NSW schools.

The school holidays are the ideal time for some maintenance projects as it means work can take place without disrupting learning.

Planned maintenance over the holidays may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material. This is to notify you of work that took place during the Term 1 school holidays.

Planned maintenance activities between 7 April – 24 April 2023

During the school holidays, air conditioning was replaced and upgraded as part of the Cooler Classroom Program at Coonabarabran High School. This maintenance work included working with asbestos containing material in several rooms in Buildings B, C and E.

Safety measures and monitoring were in place and the area remained out of bounds to anyone on site until the asbestos removal was finished.

The area was remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

After the asbestos containing material was removed, the hygienist inspected the area to confirm it had been remediated and provided the contractor with clearance certificate to continue with the air conditioning replacement works. This included demolishing the old air conditioning ducting.

As an added precaution, additional environmental cleans were conducted in all areas after all maintenance work was finished. The hygienist re-inspected the area to confirm, and the school received a clearance certificate before the area was reopened to students and staff.

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.

