

Coonabarabran High School

Works notification | 20 March 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Tuesday 12 March 2024, fragments of suspected asbestos containing material were identified on the ground after routine ploughing was done in the agricultural plot (pig field) at Coonabarabran High School.

Following the find, the area was immediately fenced off. An independent hygienist was engaged who removed the fragments for testing and provided remediation advice.

Testing confirmed the fragments were bonded asbestos which means they were attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. 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.

The fencing will remain in place until the areas have been cleared to be reopened by the independent hygienist, who will also be updating the asbestos register for the school.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place. 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.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

