Coonabarabran High SchoolWorks notification

23 November 2022

Following an unexpected roof leak at Coonabarabran High School, we have identified that the ceiling of a demountable classroom (D10740) near Block B and C contains bonded asbestos. Bonded asbestos means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts as we prepare to remove the material.

Work will take place on Saturday 26 November 2022. All asbestos containing material will be removed outside of school hours and in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

The area is currently safe but will be cordoned off before works start. Safety measures and monitoring will be put in place, including air monitoring while work is undertaken. The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the removal and associated maintenance work is completed.

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

The area will be inspected to ensure the area has been fully remediated. The construction contractor will receive a clearance certificate, following remediation.

The health, safety, and wellbeing 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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