

Gilgandra High School

Works notification | 4 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers

While inspecting a water leak in the wellbeing office's roof at Gilgandra High School on Tuesday 27 August 2024, a contractor discovered ceiling lining suspected to contain asbestos which was not listed in the school's asbestos register.

As a precaution, work was stopped and access to the room was restricted.

The school's wellbeing officer has been relocated to an office in the tutorial centre demountable, located behind Building A.

An independent hygienist took samples from the ceiling on Wednesday 28 August, which confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

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.

Work to remove the ceiling will be done outside of school hours, on Saturday 14 September, in accordance with work, health, and safety laws, and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be carried out by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Works to fix the roof leak above the office and replace the ceiling will take place at a later date.

An independent hygienist will inspect the room, following the asbestos removal, to confirm it has been fully remediated. A clearance certificate will be issued before repairs can continue.

The room will remain out of bounds until all work is completed. The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority.

We will continue to keep you updated.



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Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.