

Maclean High School

Works notification | 24 February 2022

School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works are managing the repair and remediation of buildings and grounds at Maclean High School

Remediation activity – asbestos removal

During remediation and repair works at Maclean High School, asbestos containing material was found in window corking and the building cladding of Blocks A and B.

Weather permitting, work will be staged to remove the material. This will take place over three weeks from **Monday 27 February through to Saturday 18 March 2023**. Licensed asbestos contractors will enter the site via Woombah Street and will work between **19.00 pm and 05.00 am**.

The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The area is cordoned off within an unoccupied building worksite and safety measures have been implemented, including air monitoring, PVA spray applied to the sheets, and dust suppressed with water. Thorough HEPA vacuuming of the remaining ceiling structure will be undertaken. The building will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation is completed.

These areas 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.

All asbestos-containing material will be removed in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

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

There may be some noise associated with works. We will make every effort to minimise noise impacts by, for example, turning off machinery when not in use.

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.

