

Main Arm Upper Public School

Works notification | 8 February 2022

School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works are managing the repair and remediation of buildings and grounds at Main Arm Upper Public School

Remediation activity – asbestos removal

During remediation and repair works at Main Arm Upper Public School, asbestos containing material was found in Block A (classroom) gables. We were unable to remove this material over the summer break as previously notified.

Work to remove this material will now take place on Tuesday 14 February 2023. Licensed asbestos contractors will enter the site via Main Arm Road and will work between 06.00 am and 08.00 am. The school grounds will be closed until 8am.

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.

