



ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT Policy

PURPOSE:

To provide a school environment safe from the potentially harmful effects of asbestos and to ensure that asbestos contained in construction materials in relocatables is safely managed.

GUIDELINES:

1. As a new school constructed in 2008 Epping Views Primary School buildings will contain no asbestos. Asbestos is a potentially lethal material often contained in construction materials found in existing school buildings. Due to the potentially hazardous nature of asbestos, it needs to be effectively managed.
2. All existing state school buildings have been audited for asbestos. This audit is known as a Part 5 Audit and identifies the presence of asbestos or any other hazardous materials.
3. Relocatables moved on site following the school's completion will also be assessed for the presence of asbestos. It is DEECD policy to keep asbestos free-sites clear of all asbestos and as such it is unlikely that the relocatables moved onto the site to accommodate future growth will contain asbestos.
4. The OHS staff representative will be informed of any asbestos issues that may arise: eg. The presence of any asbestos in relocatable buildings and/or damage to existing material containing asbestos.
5. Certificate(s) will be provided to the Principal and School's OHS Representative, which demonstrate compliance with asbestos removal / repair requirements.
6. All Staff will be advised when asbestos related works are to be undertaken.
7. The Asbestos Management Unit of Sinclair Knight Mertz is engaged on behalf of DEECD to assist schools with asbestos management issues (ph: 9248 3100).

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Occupational Health & Safety representative and Asbestos Program Manager for School Council as part of the school's regular review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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