

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT POLICY

*The Currajong School takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all **Child Safe Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)***

RATIONALE

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.

POLICY STATEMENT

Our aim is to provide a school environment safe from potentially harmful effects of asbestos. Any asbestos contained in existing buildings will be safely managed.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all risks associated with hazardous building materials within the school are identified and managed.

Definitions

Asbestos: Fibrous forms of mineral silicates belonging to the serpentine and amphibole groups of rock-forming minerals

Hazard: Anything with the potential to cause harm, injury, illness or loss

Hazardous Building Materials: Materials, in addition to asbestos, including PCBs, SMFs and lead paint

Approved Asbestos Analyst: A person trained to identify asbestos and complete asbestos fibre counts

IMPLEMENTATION

- Consult with Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) and employees if this hazard is suspected
- Arrange for a competent person to identify the presence of hazardous building materials in the workplace through a hazardous material audit and provide the school with a formal report
- If asbestos is present at the school the Principal appoints a person to act as the School Asbestos Coordinator within the school and follow the Asbestos Management Plan. The asbestos coordinator is the Business Manager.
- If reasonably practicable indicate hazardous building materials by labelling

- Ensure that any contractors or others entering the workplace who may be exposed to these materials are provided with the formal report outlined above to inform them of the presence and location of the hazardous materials
- Only use certified contractors to carry out any hazardous building materials removal work
- Monitor the condition of the hazardous materials on a regular basis following the Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces (NOHSC: 2018 (2005))

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as per our three-year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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The Currajong School acknowledges the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

