



POLICY	ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT
DATE	August 2018
SCHOOL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT	NA
REVIEW DATE	September 2019

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.

AIMS

- To provide a school environment safe from the potentially harmful effects of asbestos.
- That asbestos contained in construction materials in existing buildings is safely managed.

IMPLEMENTATION

- All 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.
- The school's nominated school asbestos manager (Facilities Manager, Josh Blanchard), can use his EduMail username and password to access their school's individual Part 5 Asbestos Audit reports at: <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/asbestos>
- Asbestos classified as a result of the Audit as Category 0 or 1 has been removed from school buildings. Any remaining asbestos in the school (ie: Categories 2 and 3) represents no danger to students or staff if properly treated during the conduct of works.
- Copies of the Part 5 Audit are made available to the school's Occupational Health and Safety Officer, interested community members, and consistent with OHS (Asbestos) Regulations the principal must consult with all employees when a building or structure containing asbestos is being demolished or refurbished before any action is taken to assess or control the risk.
- School Council will be responsible for development and implementation of a 4 stage Asbestos Management Plan consistent with the Asbestos Management document produced by BSA for the Department of Education & Training*, including the appointment of an Asbestos Program Manager facilities Manager).
- An inspection off all Asbestos on school grounds is completed every three months.
- Prior to carrying out any construction or maintenance works, contractors are required to be provided with a copy of the Part 5 Audit related to that part of the building in which work is to be undertaken. If asbestos is present in the areas to be disturbed, the principal will ensure the contractor provides a Part 6 Audit prior to the commencement of work outlining procedures to be implemented while working in that area in accordance with Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007 (Asbestos).
- The Asbestos Management Unit of Cushman and Wakefield are engaged on behalf of DE&T to assist schools with asbestos management issues.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually unless there is an incident or emergency.