



Asbestos Management Policy and Process

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff is the highest priority at PBC. Our school was opened in 1972 and as was common at the time Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) were included in the materials used to construct our facilities.

In the vast majority of cases, ACM is safe. If ACM is left undisturbed and is in a sound condition, studies show that it does not pose a health risk. An effective strategy for the management of asbestos-related matters and any associated potential risks to health and safety is to minimise the risk through the development of an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP).

This purpose of this plan is to ensure that any ACM at PBC is managed in such a way as to minimise the risk to students, staff, service providers, parents/caregivers and other visitors to the site.

Our plan adheres to the Asbestos Management Plan for DETE Facilities and ensures that Asbestos is removed when areas are renovated and that a strict the incident response procedure is followed should and ACM be disturbed in the normal operation of the school.

Incident Response Procedure when ACM is disturbed through accidental damage:

- Is asbestos containing material (ACM) either presumed or confirmed present?
- If yes – the Executive Principal is immediately notified
- Students, staff and visitors are removed from the identified area and access restricted
- QBuild is contacted to arrange remedial works
- PBC inspects area with Qbuild after completion of remedial works to ensure the area has been left clean and tidy
- PBC notifies parent/caregivers by SMS and posts information regarding the incident on the schools website within 24 hours of the incident
- Qbuild provide clearance to reuse
- Students, staff and visitors can resume regular use of area

Management of removal or renovation work involving ACM

This work will only be conducted by licensed QBuild contractors with the school site closed to all people other than approved contractors.