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## Management of Asbestos Containing Materials

### Background

ACM (Asbestos-containing building materials) is a health risk because the inhalation of respirable-sized particles and the possibility of developing asbestos-related disease.

It is important to note that ACM is not a health risk when it is stable and contained in a bonded form that is maintained in good condition (for example, when it is painted or intact).

### Procedure for removal/repair

On discovery:

1. If asbestos-containing material (such as fibro wall sheeting is damaged or disturbed) students and staff are to be immediately removed from the area and prevented from re-entering until it is repaired.
2. Independent asbestos-removal contractors are to be engaged to repair or remove asbestos-containing materials, undertake a professional clean and provision of a clearance for reuse of the area.
3. It is the Principal's responsibility to notify parents and carers of asbestos related matters.

### Role of the Schools Officer and other maintenance staff

- Adhere to WHS policies and procedures for the management of ACM.
- Schools officers will not allow access to service providers to carry out work unless specifically authorised to do so by the Principal.
- Not undertake ANY work on presumed or confirmed ACM including to make safe repairs.
- Contact Airport Engineering certified Asbestos removal company on 6427 9114.