

Asbestos in schools

The health, safety and well-being of children and staff is the highest priority of Education Queensland.

It is Education Queensland policy to remove asbestos immediately from schools should it deteriorate and represent a health threat.

The following steps have been taken to address the presence and removal of asbestos in schools:

- All identified loosely bonded asbestos was removed from Queensland state schools in the 1990s following a state-wide audit.
- \$120 million has been allocated to remove all state school roofs containing asbestos as quickly as possible, availability of skilled labour and weather permitting.

- The accelerated Asbestos Roof Replacement Program will result in the replacement of more than 930 roofs at more than 340 schools.
- Because the removal of asbestos roofs involves highly-specialised labour and current work is soaking up industry capacity, the Government is working to expand the asbestos-removal industry by bringing forward this injection of new funds.

All tradespeople working at a school are provided with its building management plan before work commences. If the work involves materials containing asbestos, a work method safety plan is followed to ensure all safety precautions and removal processes are followed.

