

policy **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT**

RATIONALE

Asbestos is potentially dangerous 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.

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- All state school buildings have been audited for asbestos. Sunshine Primary School was audited in 2005. This audit is known as a Part 5 Audit and identifies the presence of asbestos or any other hazardous materials.
- The principal or nominated school Asbestos Program Manager can use the Edumail username and password to access their school's individual Part 5 Asbestos Audit. Reports are available at: <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/asbestos>.
- Relocatables moved on site since the school's Part 5 Audit was completed are also assessed for the presence of asbestos.
- Asbestos classified as a result of the Audit as Category 0 or 1 has been removed from school buildings. Any remaining asbestos in schools. (ie: Categories 2 and 3) represent no danger to students or staff if properly treated during the conduct of work. Copies of the Part 5 Audit must be made available to the school's Occupational Health Safety officer, interested community members, and consistent with OHS (Asbestos) Regulations the principal must consult with all employees when building or structure containing asbestos is being demolished or refurbished before any action is taken to assess or control the risk.
- Buildings containing asbestos will have stickers placed at the entry points.
- Prior to schools 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 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 WorkCover OHS Regulations 1992 (Asbestos).

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.