BASIC BELIEF
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 and safely managed to ensure that our school environment is safe from the potentially harmful effects of disturbed asbestos. All new materials are to be asbestos free.

IMPLEMENTATION

- All school buildings will be audited for asbestos on a regular basis. 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 co-ordinator will access their school’s individual Part 5 Asbestos Audit reports at: http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/asbestos
- New buildings on site will be assessed for the presence of asbestos.
- Asbestos classified as a result of the Audit as Category 0 or 1 is to be removed from school buildings by accredited personnel. Any remaining asbestos in schools (ie. Categories 2 and 3) will be properly treated during the conduct of works.
- Copies of the Part 5 Audit must be 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 develop and implement a 4 stage Asbestos Management Plan consistent with the Asbestos Management document produced by BSA for DEECD, including the appointment of an Asbestos Program Manager.
- Prior to carrying out any construction or maintenance works, contractors will 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 WorkCover OHS Regulations 1992 (Asbestos).
- The Asbestos Management Unit are engaged on behalf of DEECD to assist schools with asbestos management issues.
- This policy will be reviewed by the Occupational Health & Safety representatives council as part of the school’s regular review cycle.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 27/05/2013

Review Date: 2016