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## Brisbane school forced to remove potentially combustible cladding from classroom

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A BRISBANE primary school is being forced to remove potentially combustible cladding from one of its buildings, after it was identified as similar to the type that led to the tragic [Grenfell Tower fire](#).

Work at Ascot State School has begun to remove the potentially hazardous aluminium composite panel cladding from one of its buildings, after it was discovered during the State Government's Non-Compliant Building Products Audit taskforce.

The taskforce was set up in the wake of a number of high-profile building fires around the world, including the Grenfell Tower tragedy in London in June 2017 which claimed 72 lives.

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Parents at the school were notified earlier this month by Principal Gayle Coleman that work on the school’s D block to remove the cladding would begin, and some students from Years 4, 5 and 6 would be relocated to other buildings in the interim.

“The purpose of this work is to enhance the overall safety of the building by removing the external cladding,” Ms Coleman wrote.

“Please be assured the regular learning program will not be impacted while this work is undertaken.

“As you would be aware, I take the issue of student and staff safety very seriously.”



The tragic Grenfell Tower fire in London claimed 72 lives. Picture: AFP/Tolga Akmen



The Department of Education told The Courier-Mail the building at Ascot State School was the only school building which had been identified during the audit to discover instances of the potentially hazardous material, with works due to be completed by the beginning of next term.

“Preparations have begun with the work scheduled to be undertaken over the Easter school vacation,” a department spokesman said.

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“Student safety is of paramount importance, so as an added precaution, the Department has engaged fire engineers to support the school while works are being undertaken.”



