

Coffs Harbour Education Campus



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1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation) and the Coffs Harbour Education Campus Pesticide Risk Register.

Coffs Harbour Education Campus uses pesticides classified as non-hazardous as its first preference

The plan sets out how Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC) will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Coffs Harbour Education Campus proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Campus:

- campus grounds and gardens
- Children's Services playground
- paved areas
- sporting fields and ovals
- buildings – internal & external

Although not required by the Regulation, this notification plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the Campus buildings.

Coffs Harbour Education Campus's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public Places	Regular User Groups	Level of Use of Public Place	Type of Pesticide Use
Grounds and Gardens	Campus staff, students and visitors.	Medium to Low	Broadscale selective and non-selective herbicides. Spot herbicides or insecticides. Bait termiticides.
Bush and Grass Lands	Campus staff, students and visitors.	Low.	Broadscale selective and non-selective herbicides. Sport herbicides or insecticides.

Public Places	Regular User Groups	Level of Use of Public Place	Type of Pesticide Use
Child Studies Play Ground, Sporting Fields and Ovals, Paved Areas	Campus staff, students, playgroup attendees and visitors.	Medium	Spot herbicides or insecticides
Building Interiors	Campus staff, students and visitors.		
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Building Exteriors	Campus staff, students and visitors.	Medium – High	Spot herbicides or insecticides.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when CHEC will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on CHEC's, assessment of:

- The level of usage of the spaces
- The extent to which staff, visitors and students who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides are likely to regularly use the areas
- The extent to which activities generally used in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides
- Type of pesticide used.

Pest Treatment primarily consists of an inspection for evidence of an infestation and if found, treatment with various pesticides dependant upon the nature & extent of the infestation, generally using various types of hand held applicators.

CHEC uses small quantities of pesticides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). CHEC does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide application other than by way of this description in this plan. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor inspect pests, using baits, aerosol spray cans and outdoor spot herbicide spraying (selective or non-selective herbicides) using backpack or similar small quantity application method.

For pesticide application to areas defined in this plan as having a high level of use, notification of a pest treatment outlining the areas to be serviced, will be sent by email to staff and students at least one week prior to the pest treatment being undertaken. This will allow anyone who believes they may be affected by the treatment to make other arrangements.

Copies of MSDS are available, upon application to the Facilities Officer.

Pest control tasks undertaken in areas defined in this plan as being 'high level of use' shall:

- normally be programmed to be conducted outside normal working days (i.e. on a Saturday) and scheduled to avoid populated areas.
- normally be undertaken prior to 7am to avoid/reduce any likelihood of exposure to occupants or visitors, where large scale spraying tasks are undertaken.
- be undertaken with signage to warn people to stay away from the area "Works in Progress – Authorised Access Only" or similar, if tasks are undertaken between 7am & 6pm

The Children's Services Study area can be a sensitive place during playgroup sessions. The above notification procedures apply. Generally pesticide use will be carried out outside of such times and prior notice shall be given. In an emergency situation the Children's Services Studies team will be advised with as much notice as possible.

In cases where emergency applications are required, CHEC will give as much notice as possible to occupants and signs will be posted nearby during treatments.

CHEC uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf and will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan. All contractors have safety management plans in place.

TAFE Primary Industries & Natural Resources (PINR) can apply pesticides to areas under its control, and they shall provide notification in accordance requirements of this plan.

Notices of external pesticide use will provide information in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation.

A copy of this plan will be made available on the CHEC website.

4. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to discuss this notification plan or obtain details of specific pesticide applications at CHEC should contact:

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