

AAA BROOKES PEST CONTROL

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→ **AAA BROOKES PEST CONTROL HAVE OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE PEST CONTROL INDUSTRY**, and have recently engaged their expertise in the NSW Schools Project, providing termite and general pest control solutions, delivering pest free schools.

Of their team of twelve pest control professionals, AAA Brookes Pest Control had three employees directly involved in the NSW Schools Project - Mr. Shane Rich, Mr. Jim Mollis and Project Estimator and Manager, Ms. Michelle Jordan. "We used a range of techniques and technologies, some standard, some innovative, to manage the pest control for these schools," said Ms. Jordan. The majority of their work, said Ms. Jordan, was in managing termite control solutions. "We used a physical barrier to give the most effective control of termites possible," said Ms. Jordan.

Both External Reticulation (ER) and Internal Cavity Reticulation (ICR) techniques were used, each of these being examples of physical chemical barriers. ER involves attaching a pipe to the slab edge at the footing, and injecting this pipe with pest repellent chemicals, which seeps into the ground and prevents termites rising from the ground to slab level. ICR in turn stops termites gaining access to the roof level through the brick wall cavity. At the top of the wall cavity are placed hanger hooks, holding in place a pipe which is injected with repellent chemicals, which seeps through the sand that is placed into the wall cavity. Granitgard technology was also used, which is an innovative extension of the physical barrier afforded by ICR. Granitgard involves using very fine pebbles to fill the wall cavity. Red Stop Shields were also used at ground level.

The NSW Schools Project was completed in a record time period with absolute efficiency, and many factors contributed to this. Ms. Jordan noted that, "we used Evencure XPS technology, and this allowed us to complete our own individual commitment much more expressly than usual." Evencure XPS is a technology with a new approach to the slab curing stage of construction. While the normal approach to slab curing involves saturating the slab each day for up to seven days, Evencure XPS is a water based chemical which need only be hosed over the slab once, and begins immediately working at curing the slab and preventing cracking.

AAA Brookes Pest is proud to be associated with the NSW Schools Project. They have previously provided their pest control expertise to Plum Constructions at Bateau Bay in 2003/04. In 2004 AAA Brookes Pest Control are providing their services to Buildcorp, Narrabeen RSL, Narrabeen; Multiplex, Lidcombe Juvenile Detention Centre, Lidcombe and to Kell&Rigby at Penrith.

Contact AAA Brookes Pest Control for a range of termite and pest control solutions for commercial and residential construction projects.

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