

# Hammondville Public School

## Works notification

**11 September 2020**

Dear parents/carers,

A small amount of asbestos containing material was found in the ground in the back sports field at Hammondville Public School. The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos and is attached to cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Safety measures and monitoring have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off and will remain out of bounds to students and staff. An independent occupational hygienist has recommended the material be removed by an accredited asbestos removal contractor. The contractor will be wearing protective clothing such as coveralls, gloves and footwear which are a regulatory requirement and keep them safe as they have direct contact with the soil.

Remediation of the area started on Thursday 10 September 2020 after school hours, however due to insufficient light, this work could not be completed and will be finished this Saturday 12 September 2020.

Work will be completed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Air monitoring is being undertaken and a clearance certificate will be issued before the area is open to students and staff. There is no risk to people nearby while this work is undertaken.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

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