

Hammondville Public School

Works notification

9 April 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Further to previous notifications distributed to the school community regarding asbestos containing material found in the ground in the back sports field at Hammondville Public School, asbestos remediation and landscaping works have been prioritised and will begin on Monday 12 April 2021.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Remediation work planned

The planned remediation work on the back sports oval will use a method called 'capping'. Capping involves placing a cover over the material in order to isolate it, keep it in place and prevent any future contact with it.

Once the material is encapsulated, we will install a new sports court play area over the top which will be suitable for basketball, netball and volleyball.

Work hours

Work will take place between 7:00am and 3:00pm, from Monday 12 April to Friday 16 April. No work will be done during school hours or Sundays.

Health and safety

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.

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.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work. 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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