

Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Works notification | 11 March 2024

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, a project is underway to upgrade Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School.

Removal of asbestos containing materials

Last week on the afternoon of Tuesday 5 March 2024, unexpected foreign fragments were discovered in the ground while digging within the Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School construction work sites.

An occupational hygienist attended both locations, did a visual inspection and took samples away for testing. Both areas were cordoned off pending further investigations. These areas are within the current construction site behind the timber hoarding and not accessible to students or staff.

At Cumberland High School both bonded and friable asbestos was detected during trench excavations for stormwater services work. A further investigation is now underway to determine the extent of this material before removal can start.

The excavated asbestos containing material has been covered and will be removed offsite by the end of March 2024 by licenced and accredited asbestos removalists.

At Carlingford West Public School, fragments of bonded asbestos were detected during excavations for building Z and the temporary haul road. These materials are in a covered stockpile and will be removed offsite by the end of March 2024.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority and additional safety measures have been implemented at both sites, including air monitoring. Air monitoring results for both sites has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Remediation will be undertaken in accordance with work, health and safety laws and Roberts Co's (the contractor's) Remediation Action Plan. All work will be completed by licenced and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The affected areas will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they are fully remediated and safe. The affected areas will receive a clearance certificate before they can be reopened.

Both schools remain open during the remediation with strict measures in place to protect the health of students, staff and nearby residents. We will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



If you have any questions about the work, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

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