

Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Works notification

28 October 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

A project is underway to upgrade Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School.

Suspected asbestos containing material found

During construction at Cumberland High School, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the soil while excavating the existing carpark. The suspected asbestos is within the existing work site which is not accessible to students, staff, or school visitors. As a precaution, the area has been cordoned off and the soil has been covered.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists.

Testing will be conducted by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and the site specific Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines. All remediation will take place outside of school hours.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before construction continues in the area. Construction works outside of where the suspected asbestos material was found will continue as normal.

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

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

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