

Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School

Works notification

4 November 2022

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

Remediation of asbestos materials

As notified on 28 October 2022, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the soil while excavating the existing carpark within the construction site for the new link road. The material has since been tested by an independent hygienist and has been confirmed to be bonded asbestos. Bonded asbestos is non-friable, which means it is attached to another material such as cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The material is within the existing construction site which is not accessible to students, staff, or school visitors. Since the material was found, the area within the construction site has been further cordoned off and the soil has been covered.

The material is scheduled to be removed on **Saturday 12 November 2022**.

The area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, 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.

Air monitoring has been in place since the unexpected find and will continue while the remediation work is in progress. There has been no change to the air monitoring results following this unexpected find. All air monitoring samples collected have returned results consistent with acceptable ambient air levels (i.e. less than 0.01 fibres/mL as per the relevant National Occupational Health and Safety Commission guidelines).

Following remediation, the area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated. 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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