

# Darcy Road Public School

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The upgrade of Darcy Road Public School will provide new permanent classrooms and core facilities to support the growing population in Western Sydney.

## Remediation works

During demolition works as part of the Darcy Road Public School upgrade, asbestos containing material was found in the soil underneath an unused old septic tank that was located under the demolished buildings.

The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The asbestos containing material found has been kept contained within the construction area of the site.

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

All air monitoring to date across the site has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results represent a consistent finding that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area. Asbestos fibres pose a risk to health if airborne. In this case, the evidence and advice from our hygienist is that there is no airborne asbestos in this area.

The material will be remediated as soon as licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled and is expected to be completed on the same day. Air monitoring will also take place during the removal works as a precautionary measure.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws, and the site-specific Asbestos Management Plan. 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 site will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before works continue within the remediation area.

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

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.