

# Hunter River High School

Works notification | 24 February 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

A project is underway to upgrade Hunter River High School to bring students the latest educational facilities and support the local community.

During the summer school holidays, excavation work was undertaken on the Hunter River High School site to assess the area for hazardous material and heritage samples. These works resulted in the discovery of bonded, non-friable asbestos in ground.

Work immediately stopped and the area was fenced off within the construction site until it had been remediated. Remediation work took place between Monday 9 January and Wednesday 25 January 2023.

Safety measures and monitoring were in place and the area remained out of bounds to anyone on site until the removal and associated excavation work was finished

The area was remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Testing was completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated, the school has received a clearance certificate and work on the project will now continue.

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

