

Manly Village Public School

Works notification | 1 September 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are upgrading Manly Village Public School to meet the needs of the local community. The project includes relocating and upgrading administration facilities, a new fit for purpose learning space with a new special programs space, additional breakout rooms and storage spaces. It will also include a new out of school hours care (OOSHC) facilities in the school hall.

During excavation to install services fragments suspected to contain asbestos material were found in the ground. Work stopped, the material was covered with plastic, and the area was cordoned off within the construction site.

An independent hygienist has tested the fragments and confirmed they contain bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the soil where fragments were found will take place on Saturday 9 September and Saturday 16 September. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's 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 area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the contractors will receive a clearance certificate before construction continues.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

