

A project is underway to upgrade Punchbowl Public School

Removal of contaminated materials from construction site

During site preparation for the construction of the new permanent building, asbestos containing material was found in the ground in a small area underneath the now demolished Block B building. The material has been confirmed as non-bonded (friable) asbestos.

Non-bonded asbestos is asbestos that can be easily crumbled under pressure, examples include insulation around hot water pipes and asbestos ropes.

We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

Work will take place to remove the contaminated materials on Friday 26 April 2024 while the school is vacant. All asbestos containing material will be removed in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist before school resumes on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

The area is currently cordoned off within the worksite and additional safety measures have been implemented, including the installation of air monitors. The construction site is safely secured and remains out of bounds for students, staff, and members of the public.

The area will be remediated in accordance with all work, health and safety laws and the site-specific 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 to ensure it has been fully remediated. The construction contractor will receive a clearance certificate, following remediation and before works continue on site.

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 cooperation during this important work.

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