

# Seaforth Public School

## Works notification | 12 April 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 8 April 2024, following a heavy rain event, fragments of cement material suspected to contain asbestos were found in a grassed area north of Building L at Seaforth Public School. They were removed for testing and the area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

Seaforth Public School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in-ground. As part of ongoing management under this plan, inspections are required following heavy rain events. Fragments were found in an area listed on this plan.

Testing confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

The area has now been inspected by an independent hygienist to ensure that there were no more fragments remaining. The school was then issued with a clearance certificate and the area has been reopened.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

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

Thank you for your co-operation during this important work.

