

Bass Hill Public School

Works notification | 5 August 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are repairing or inspecting some areas of Bass Hill Public School where material that contains or is suspected to contain asbestos has been found.

Building E

On Monday 21 July 2025, loose packing material was identified and reported in the general assistant's basement storeroom in Building E at Bass Hill Public School.

The packing material in the walls of this room is known to contain bonded asbestos, as listed on the school's asbestos register. NSW Health explains that 'living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged'.

The room is not used by students. As a precaution however, the storeroom has been locked to prevent access.

Building L

On Friday 25 July 2025, 2 small fragments of suspected asbestos-containing material were found on the grounds in the out of bounds area near the preschool, Building L. We immediately engaged an independent hygienist who visited the school to collect the fragments for testing and provide advice.

Weekend work and clearance

Work will take place on Saturday 9 August 2025 to remediate the packing material in the Building E storeroom and as an additional safety measure, inspect the grounds near Building L.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours. All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The storeroom in Building E will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance will be provided for the general assistant and any other staff to continue using the storeroom. Following the inspection of the area near Building L, any fragments and soil suspected of containing asbestos will be removed and a clearance certificate will be issued.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is 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 cooperation during this important work.

