

Bathurst Public School

Works notification | 23 October 2024

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

The general assistant found material suspected to contain bonded asbestos on the grounds of Bathurst Public School, outside the Building E staff room, on Wednesday 16 October 2024.

The area – which was not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan – was temporarily fenced off on the same day. There was no disruption to school operations.

An independent hygienist collected samples on Thursday 17 October to collect test samples and provide recommendations for possible remediation.

Testing confirmed the material contained bonded asbestos, meaning it was attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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

Remediation work to remove the asbestos took place on Saturday 19 October, 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.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place before and during the work.

The area was reopened on Monday 21 October after a hygienist inspected the area to confirm it had been fully remediated and provided a clearance certificate.

The school's site-specific asbestos management plan will be updated to include this find.

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.



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