

Beecroft Public School

Works notification | 4 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

You will be aware, through [recent communications](#), we have removed the BOOSH Cottage and plan to replace it with a modular building at Beecroft Public School.

A small amount of suspected asbestos-containing material was found by a contractor during excavation works, while preparing for the installation of the new building on Monday 2 December 2024.

While the area was already cordoned off, and inaccessible to students and staff, work was stopped. The area was covered with plastic sheeting and the surrounding ground was sprayed with water to minimise the movement of dirt and dust.

Test results and remediation

An independent hygienist attended yesterday (Tuesday 3 December) and took samples for testing. Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place.

Out of an abundance of caution, students were kept inside while testing occurred.

We will keep the community informed about the test results and remediation, which will be guided by the independent hygienist.

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'.

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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued before work continues.

Building transfer and out of school hours care

The outcome of test results will determine when the new building, which will be operational from Day 1 Term 1 2025, is moved onto the school site.

Out of school hours care, including vacation care, will continue as planned from the existing BOOSH building and an adjacent demountable building.

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

We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

