

Blackheath Public School

Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection in the Wednesday 15 January 2025, multiple fragments of building material were found on the ground at Blackheath Public School.

The areas where the fragments were found are known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's Site Specific Asbestos Management Plan.

Temporary fencing was installed to restrict access for students and staff in vacation care.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the areas, remove the fragments and take samples for testing.

Test results confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos.

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 independent hygienist removed all visible fragments when vacation care was off-site on Thursday 16 January 2025, after which a clearance certificate was issued and the areas were reopened for normal use.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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



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