

Bolwarra Public School

Works notification | 18 September 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A piece of material suspected to contain bonded asbestos was dug up on Thursday 11 September 2025 from the ground north of the sports court and has since been removed from Bolwarra Public School.

The area where the material was found was immediately isolated while we investigated further.

An independent hygienist attended the school the same day, to test the material, inspect the area and to do air monitoring.

During inspection of the area and surrounds, more material assumed to contain asbestos was removed from the area.

Test results confirmed the material as 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 school asbestos management plan has been updated to include this find.

Air monitoring returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

A clearance certificate was issued by the hygienist on Friday 12 September 2025 and the area was 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 asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.