

# Brookvale Public School

## Works notification | 23 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 17 September 2024, during a routine inspection, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the ground, in the carpark at Brookvale Public School.

The area was fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to collect the material for testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos which means they were attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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

The school has a site-specific management plan for asbestos found in-ground. The fragments were found in an area not listed on this plan. The plan will be updated to include this find.

Work to clear the ground of fragments and inspect the site took place outside of school hours on Wednesday 18 September 2024.

Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area was inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it had been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued for the area to be reopened.

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.



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