

Camden Public School

Works notification | 15 October 2024

Dear parents, carers and staff,

Contractors found a fragment of suspected asbestos-containing material while digging a trench between Buildings D and F at Camden Public School on Thursday 10 October, during the Spring School Holidays.

The trench was required to lay a data cable for planned upgrades to the school's internet and communication services.

Work stopped when the fragment was found and the trench was encapsulated with plastic.

The area, which was not listed in the school's site-specific management plan (SSAMP), was made inaccessible.

An independent hygienist inspected and removed a fragment for testing, which confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

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

The SSAMP will be updated to include this information.

Remediation work is planned for Saturday 19 October and is expected to take 1 day.

When complete, the hygienist will inspect the area to confirm it has been fully remediated before upgrade work will recommence. The area will remain inaccessible until clearance has been provided by the hygienist.

We will keep the community updated. All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place while work is being done.

All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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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