

Camden Public School

Works notification | 16 December 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are providing an update on the asbestos remediation work at Camden Public School that has been underway since 20 October 2025.

Following our project update in early December 2025, we have now been provided with a remediation action plan by the independent hygienist and will complete asbestos remediation work in the upcoming Summer School Holidays.

Due to historical bonded asbestos continuing to be found on the school grounds, the hygienist has recommended the laying of geofabric, turf and mulch in 6 identified areas on the school site. Please see the areas marked with a red border on the map below.



Excavation of existing soil and mulch will take place in areas 1 and 5 with geofabric installed to limit the possibility of further asbestos being found at ground level. Areas 2, 3, 4 and 6 will have geofabric laid before being covered by new turf, mulch and soil.

The new turf, mulch and soil will be inspected by the independent hygienist and, once a clearance certificate is issued, will be laid in all 6 areas.

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”.

Hygienist inspections

During Term 4 and in preparation for the remediation work, the independent hygienist continued air monitoring and inspecting the school grounds.

As an added precaution we continued air monitoring and inspecting the school grounds during November 2025. While completing air monitoring and an inspection on Saturday 29 November 2025, the hygienist removed suspected bonded asbestos for testing from the ground on the south side of Building H (in Area 6). Test results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos and the hygienist completed another inspection of the area on Tuesday 2 December 2025.

No further pieces were found during scheduled hygienist inspections and all air monitoring results have returned results below the minimum detectable limit since Friday 31 October 2025, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take during the Summer School Holidays. This period is from the end of the school day on Friday 19 December 2025 up to the first day of Term 1 Monday 2 February 2026.

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 will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

The school grounds will be inspected by the independent hygienist following the completion of remediation work to confirm they have been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued.

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.

School Infrastructure will be closed from Wednesday 24 December 2025 at 12 pm to Monday 12 January 2026 at 9 am, in line with the NSW Government shut down period.

You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return.