Carlton Public School Works update | 2 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following our <u>notification on 30 May</u>, we want to update you on the fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos that were found on the grounds at Carlton Public School. Test results confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means it is 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 area remains fenced off and covered with a PVA seal and geo fabric to contain the fragments, with regular air monitoring in place.

All air monitoring to date across the site has 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 represent a consistent finding that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

We are working with the independent hygienist to develop a plan to remediate the asbestos. We will keep the community updated.

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.



