

# Carlton South Public School

## Works notification | 7 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A project to upgrade the northern section of the grassed field at Carlton South Public School has recently been finished. During the works, the entire western part of the school site was closed off to pedestrians.

On Wednesday 11 December 2024, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the southern section of the restricted construction site.

The area was already cordoned off so there was no immediate risk to school staff and students. An independent hygienist was engaged to remove the fragments for testing and provide recommendations. Testing confirmed the material contained 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 asbestos was found in an area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP). This area had been remediated in the past but vehicle disturbance and turf erosion caused the material to surface.

Based on recommendations provided by the independent hygienist, remediation works occurred between Monday 3 February and Wednesday 5 February 2025. This included reinstalling new geo-fabric, new soil and laying new turf. No excavation was required.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place before students returned to school for Term 1 2025.

Air monitoring was undertaken on 5 February by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate was issued.

The area will remain closed until mid-Term 1 to allow the new turf to establish and strengthen.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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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