

Coraki Public School

Works notification | 20 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 6 February 2025, small pieces of building fragments suspected to contain asbestos were found on the grass area next to Building A at Coraki Public School.

The area was immediately made out of bounds to students and staff with temporary construction fencing.

As an extra precaution, plastic was laid over the area to contain the soil and fragments. School operations were not impacted.

This area was not listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

On Friday 7 February, we engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

Test results confirmed the fragments 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".

On Tuesday 11 February all fragments were removed and soil sampling took place to inspect for further asbestos containing materials.

No further fragments were found and soil sampling tests returned negative result for asbestos.

The SSAMP will be updated to reflect the new information.

On Tuesday 18 February, the independent hygienist was satisfied the area was fully remediated and a clearance certificate was issued. The area was reopened for use by students and staff.

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 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.

