Dungog Public School Works notification | 21 October 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During routine landscaping work last Friday, material suspected to contain asbestos was found in an out of bounds area at Dungog Public School. The affected area was immediately cordoned off with restricted access ensured on the same day.

As a precaution an independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed that 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".

This location is not in an area identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP). The material was uncovered under a tree during regular lawn mowing along the western fence line in an area that is out of bounds to students. The plan will be updated to include this recent find as required.

All asbestos-containing materials will be removed shortly under the guidance of an independent hygienist who will issue a clearance certificate when the area can be reopened. Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place.

All asbestos-related work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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