

# Goulburn Public School

## Works notification | 5 August 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 25 July 2025, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the ground along the school fence on Bourke Street at Goulburn Public School.

We immediately engaged an independent hygienist who visited the school to collect the fragments for testing and provide advice. Testing results have 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”.

### Asbestos removal

We are planning work to remove a sheet of bonded asbestos containing material which is currently encapsulated along the retaining wall on Bourke Street. Work will take place over a weekend in August 2025, depending on weather and contractor availability.

Safety measures including air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment will be in place during the work. A temporary fence will be in place around the area during the work and pedestrians are asked to use the footpath on the opposite side of Bourke Street during the works.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Following remediation, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate will be issued before the area is reopened.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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