

Gunnedah Public School

Works notification | 25 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A contractor discovered fragments of fibre cement sheeting during sports court upgrade works at Gunnedah Public School on Thursday 14 November 2024.

Work was stopped and access was restricted as the material, found on the court's eastern side, was suspected to contain asbestos. The site was already fenced off due to the court upgrade works.

An independent hygienist collected samples on Friday 15 November, which subsequently confirmed the presence of 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.

Work resumed on the court's unaffected area on Thursday 21 November after a hygienist provided clearance and additional temporary fencing was installed.

Asbestos removal works took place on Saturday 23 November and Sunday 24 November 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 independent hygienist will inspect the affected area to confirm it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will then be issued, allowing works to continue across the whole court.

The court upgrade will be finished in early Term 1 2025.

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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