

# Hammondville Public School

Works notification | 11 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 7 March 2024, during lawn maintenance work, fragments suspected to contain asbestos were found in dirt at the north east corner of the basketball court at Hammondville Public School.

The fragments were found in an area that is known to contain asbestos in the ground and is being managed under the school's Site Specific Asbestos Management Plan.

The area was immediately fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. As an extra precaution we put shade cloth around the fencing as an additional barrier.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

As per the school's Site Specific Asbestos Management Plan, the area will be inspected for other possible samples and safety measures, including air monitoring, will be put in place before this work starts. All work will take place out of school hours.

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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened for use.

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.

