

Hammondville Public School

Works notification | 13 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During routine ground maintenance work at Hammondville Public School on Monday 9 September 2024, the school's general assistant found fragments suspected to contain asbestos near the Watson Street entrance.

These fragments were found in a grassed area known to contain asbestos in the ground, which is managed through the school's site-specific asbestos management plan.

The area was immediately fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff.

During subsequent inspections of the school grounds on Tuesday 10 September and Wednesday 11 September, additional fragments were found in the grassed areas located near the north-east fence line, between Building N and Building Q, and the south-east fence line, beside Building E.

These areas were fenced off and made out of bounds.

A licensed and accredited asbestos contractor removed the fragments after school hours - on Monday 9, Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September - under the supervision of an independent hygienist, in strict compliance with all relevant legislation, regulations, and guidelines.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place while work was carried out.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The hygienist issued a clearance certificate and all areas reopened for general school use on Thursday 12 September.

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.

