

Hammondville Public School

Works notification | 9 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers

The school's General Assistant identified fragments of fibre cement sheeting in the grass near the Watson Street entrance at Hammondville Public School on Thursday 5 December 2024. The fragments are suspected to contain 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.

The fragments were found in an area known to contain asbestos in the ground, which is managed through the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan.

As a precaution, the area was isolated and made inaccessible to students and staff on the same day.

There was no impact to school operations.

The fragments were removed by a licensed contractor outside of school hours on Thursday 5 December, under the supervision of an independent hygienist.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place outside of school hours with safety measures, including air monitoring in place, in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Following the completion of works, the hygienist reinspected the area and issued a clearance certificate and the area was reopened to staff and students.

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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