

Islington Public School

Works notification | 15 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Monday 13 March an independent occupational hygienist visited Islington Public School to test suspected asbestos containing material. The material was uncovered after the removal of garden beds from next to the sports store in Building A.

The area is cordoned off with temporary fencing to keep students, staff, and school visitors separate.

Testing conducted by the independent hygienist has confirmed that the material contains bonded asbestos, which means asbestos is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. In this case the material appears to be old concrete blocks that had been buried in the soil.

Work to remove the material will take place on the weekend of Saturday 18 March to Sunday 26 March 2023. Additional safety measures and monitoring will be in place before works starts.

The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the material is removed.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened to students and staff.

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.

