# Millthorpe Public School
## Works notification | 19 January 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 16 January 2024, during planned work at Millthorpe Public School to excavate the southern end of the school grounds near the Victoria Street school boundary, fragments of suspected asbestos containing material were identified on the ground. The excavation work was undertaken to make way for a new storage shed after a demountable building was removed in this area.

As a precaution, the fragments were removed for testing, the area was immediately fenced off and a hygienist was engaged the same day. Testing has confirmed the fragments contain asbestos. The area has been secured and covered with appropriate materials to further secure the site. The department is now developing a site-specific asbestos management plan.

We are planning to remediate the fenced off area as soon as licensed and accredited contractors can be scheduled. The remediation work will take place on the weekends, outside of school hours to prevent any disruption to the OOSH and vacation care program at the school. Air monitoring will occur throughout the duration of the remediation works.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place.

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 occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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