

# Mona Vale Public School

## Works notification | 8 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday 28 February, during planned work to replace windows in 3 buildings at Mona Vale Public School, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground directly behind the general learning buildings J and K. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site, remove the fragments and arrange for them to be tested. Testing has confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

On Thursday 29 February, work took place after hours to remove all the fragments. An independent hygienist inspected the area and the school was issued with a clearance certificate. The area has now been reopened and is accessible for usual activities.

Work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority. If you have any questions about the work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

