

Mortdale Public School

Works notification | 20 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 12 August 2024, during routine maintenance work, two fragments of building material were found on the ground in the garden beside Building E at Mortdale Public School.

The area was not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP), however the fragments were suspected to contain asbestos.

Students and staff do not normally access the area. As a precautionary measure, it was taped off and made out of bounds.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area and organise samples for testing.

On Monday 19 August 2024, testing confirmed one of the fragments contained bonded asbestos.

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.

Air monitoring returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

The inspection took place outside of school hours, with safety measures and air monitoring in place while work is being done.

The independent hygienist has issued a clearance certificate and the area was reopened for use. No other fragments were found and no further remediation work is required.

The independent hygienist will update the SSAMP to include the area where this fragment was found.

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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