

# Ryde Public School

## Works notification | 14 October 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Spring School Holidays, during routine landscaping work, material suspected to contain asbestos was found at Ryde Public School. The affected area was immediately cordoned off using barricades and fencing, with access securely restricted on the same day.

As a precaution an independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed that the fragments contained 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”.

This location is not in an area identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP). The register will be updated to include this recent find as required.

On Saturday 18 October 2025, all asbestos-containing materials will be removed under the guidance of an independent hygienist who will issue a clearance certificate when the area can be used. Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place.

This work will involve the removal of a recently discovered bonded asbestos pipe. The pipe is in the southeast corner of the school, adjacent to school permanent fence, south end of school oval.

All asbestos-related 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 asbestos contractors.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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