

Ryde Public School

Works notification | 29 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday, 24 July, routine maintenance was carried out in the area behind the boys' toilets closest to the sports court (Building J) at Ryde Public School.

During this maintenance work, 2 small fragments of suspected asbestos-containing material were found.

The area was cordoned off and made out of bounds to students and staff.

An independent hygienist attended to inspect the site and found additional fragments in the same area. They removed the fragments and took them for testing.

The fragments have since returned a positive result for bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement 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.

The independent hygienist visually inspected the area and provided clearance for the area to be reopened.

The area has been added to the School's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan.

All 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. Safety measures and air monitoring were in place before the work started.

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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