

Ryde Public School

Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection on Thursday 30 January 2025, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the grass area between Building B2 and the boundary fence at Ryde Public School.

As a precaution the area was fenced off and made inaccessible. This location is not in an area identified on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

On Friday 31 January 2025, we engaged an independent hygienist to collect the fragments for testing, inspect the area for further fragments and undertake air monitoring.

Test results confirmed 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."

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 independent hygienist was satisfied all visible fragments had been removed from the area.

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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

On 3 February 2025, the hygienist issued a clearance certificate, and the area was reopened for use in time for Day 1 Term 1 2025.

The SSAMP has been updated to include this new information.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.



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