

# Smithfield Public School

## Works notification | 6 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday morning, 1 March 2024, during a routine inspection, fragments of building material and plumbing pipe suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground in the grassed area between the 2 basketball courts at Smithfield Public School.

The area was immediately cordoned off and made out of bounds to staff and students. We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

Over the weekend testing has confirmed that some of the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means it was 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.

Temporary fencing was put in place before students and staff returned to school on Monday 4 March.

Work to remediate the area will start on Saturday 9 March 2024 and as an added precautionary measure air monitoring will be put in place before the work starts. All work will take place out of school hours.

All 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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened for use.

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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