

Somersby Public School

Works notification | 21 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to the notification below, testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material within the fragment found in the oval grounds is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The independent hygienist inspected the area around the oval and no further fragments were identified.

All air monitoring conducted to date continues to return results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01fibres/mL).

The school will receive a clearance certificate confirming the area is safe for reoccupation, and the temporary fencing will be removed.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

19 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you that a piece of fibro suspected to contain asbestos material was found on the ground in the school oval on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

The area was immediately cordoned off with temporary fencing to anyone on site.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

An independent hygienist has been engaged and will inspect the area on Wednesday 19 July and test the fragment found to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

The test results are expected to be received by the end of the week.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated. Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

