

# Tamworth Public School

## Works notification | 30 April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 14 December 2024 an independent hygienist completed an inspection and sampling of the oval at Tamworth Public School for the presence of in-ground bonded asbestos to guide future remediation work.

Bonded asbestos is known to be present in the oval as listed in the school's site specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP).

To mitigate future in-ground asbestos finds we will be replacing 890 square metres of turf and soil on the school oval. The oval will be closed while this work is completed.

Tamworth Regional Council has provided access to ANZAC Park for school activities while the oval is closed.

Work began on Monday 28 April with the installation of temporary fencing around the affected area.

On Sunday 4 May 2025 we will undertake the asbestos removal work which will involve removing between 50 millimetres and 150 millimetres of turf and soil. The area will then be inspected by the hygienist to determine if further soil needs to be removed.

If additional removal work is required, this will be completed on the weekend of 10 and 11 May 2025.

During asbestos removal work a dust suppression system will be used alongside air monitoring and contractors will wear personal protective equipment.

Once asbestos removal is completed, new soil and turf will be laid with the oval anticipated to reopen on 17 June 2025 weather depending.

Throughout this work, earth moving vehicles and other equipment will access the school site through the Bourke Street entrance. There should be no disruption on surrounding streets or traffic.

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".

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures including temporary fencing and signage will be place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

