

Terrigal Public School

Works notification | 14 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following on from the notification below, testing results confirmed that fragments of material found near the cricket nets at Terrigal Public School 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.'

Work to remediate the area and encapsulate the ground with fresh turf has been scheduled to take place from Friday 15 November to Monday 18 November 2024,

Air monitoring has been conducted within this area. All air monitoring results to date have 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.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place within school hours with safety measures in place.

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 asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Fencing will remain in place until Friday 6 December 2024 to allow the turf to establish. Following the work, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance will be provided so these areas can be reopened as required.

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

Thank you for your understanding.

Notification issued on 24 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 22 October 2024, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the ground near the cricket nets, by a staff member after conducting maintenance work at Terrigal Public School.

As a precaution, the area was fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing, undertake air monitoring and provide advice on remediation.



This location is not in an area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP). Once testing results are received, the SSAMP will be updated to include this recent find as required.

Work to clear the ground and inspect the site took place outside of school hours on Wednesday 23 October 2024. The area will remain fenced off until further advice from the independent hygienist is received. We will keep the community informed of the outcome of the testing results and any further remediation plans required once this information becomes available.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

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.

Following remediation, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before it is reopened.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

