

Terrigal Public School

Works notification | 6 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 29 November 2024, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the lower oval near the soccer goal posts 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 advise on remediation.

Testing confirmed that one of 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'.

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

The hygienist returned to clear the ground and inspect the site on Monday 2 December 2024. All work involving asbestos-containing materials was conducted within school hours with safety measures in place.

The area will remain fenced off until further works can be conducted including encapsulating the area and returfing to secure the ground. Fencing will remain in place for the remainder of the term until the turf has established.

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.

Following remediation, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist 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.



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