

Thirroul Public School

Works notification | 7 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We would like to provide you an update on the works notification sent on 26 September 2024 (www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/infrastructure/schools/3/3201/general/Works_notification_-_26_September_2024.pdf).

An independent hygienist carried out soil sampling across the playground area at Thirroul Public School during the Spring School Holidays to guide future remediation work.

Samples taken from a raised garden bed, within the cordoned off area, confirmed the presence of friable asbestos.

The area is not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

The garden bed was fully encapsulated with plastic covering as an additional safety measure on Saturday 2 November 2024.

The garden bed will be remediated on Saturday 9 November, following the advice of an independent hygienist, by raising its retaining wall, encapsulating the garden with fabric lining and spreading new soil and mulch.

The playground area remains out of bounds with safety measures, including temporary fencing and air monitoring, in place.

All air monitoring to date across the site has 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.

We will keep the community updated.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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.

