

Toongabbie Public School

Works notification | 2 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Autumn School Holidays on Wednesday 23 April 2025, small pieces of building fragments suspected of containing asbestos were found under the carpark on the south side of Building B at Toongabbie Public School.

The pieces were discovered by plumbers working on piping running under the carpark asphalt. The work site was already surrounded by temporary construction fencing.

This area was not listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

On the same day an independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

Testing results confirmed the pieces 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".

On Saturday 10 May, a licensed asbestos contractor will excavate the soil around the site and remove any further fragments under the supervision of an independent hygienist.

This work will not impact school operations for students. However, a small number of car spaces used by staff will be inaccessible until works are completed.

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 will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Once the excavation is completed and all the visible fragments have been removed, an independent hygienist will inspect the site and issue a clearance certificate to enable the remaining pipe work to be completed.

The remaining pipe work is scheduled to be finished by 17 May 2025.

The area will be added to the school's SSAMP.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

