

Tweed Heads Public School

Works notification | 20 September 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During work to install pipework for the plumbing of two demountable units at Tweed Heads Public School, fragments suspected to contain asbestos material have been found in the ground behind the hall near the back entrance of the school.

Work immediately stopped, the ground was covered with plastic sheeting, and the area remains fenced off within the construction site.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

Testing will be conducted by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the contractors will receive a clearance certificate before the pipework installation can progress.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

