

Wallsend Public School

Works notification | 2 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 26 February 2026, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground in the mud kitchen area and synthetic sports court near the staff carpark at Wallsend Public School.

The areas were immediately fenced off, the fragments were removed, and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing, conduct air monitoring and provide advice.

Test results confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos.

All air monitoring results 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.

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".

The hygienist inspected and cleared the sports court and the area was reopened. As a precaution, the hygienist recommended the mud kitchen area remain fenced off until remediation work is finished.

Remediation will involve securing and encapsulating the soil within the mud kitchen area with a layer of geo-fabric and fresh mulch.

This work is planned for Saturday 7 March 2026.

Following this work, the area will be inspected and cleared by the hygienist before it is reopened for use.

The locations where the fragments were found are not listed in the School Asbestos Management Plan, which will be updated to include this recent find.

All work is done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work is completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

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.

