

Warners Bay Public School

Works notification | 23 October 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Wednesday 18 October, fragments of asbestos containing material were found on the ground in a small garden bed in front of Block H, at Warners Bay Public School.

The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution, the ground area has been covered with plastic and fencing has been installed so the area is cordoned off. We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

We have engaged a licenced and accredited asbestos contractor to inspect and remediate the area. The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until remediation is finished.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

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

Testing by an independent hygienist including air monitoring will be conducted to ensure it has been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate to reopen the area to students and staff.

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 cooperation during this important work.

