

Balgowlah Heights Public School

Works notification | 4 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Several small fragments of suspected asbestos-containing material were recently found in a garden bed near Building H at Balgowlah Heights Public School.

The area was cordoned off and made out of bounds to students and staff.

An independent hygienist removed the fragments and took them to be tested.

The fragments later returned positive results for bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials, such as tiles or cement, and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The fragments fell from a broken eave on Building H which is listed on the school's asbestos register. Work to remove and replace the broken eave will take place during the Winter School holidays.

Work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation and regulations.

The independent hygienist will inspect the area near Building H to confirm that it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the area is reopened.

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.



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