

Pymble Public School

Works notification | 12 April 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Monday 8 April, during works to repair a damaged sewer line behind Building H, the contractor noticed fragments suspected to contain asbestos material at Pymble Public School. The contractor immediately stopped work and the site was made out of bounds.

The fragments were removed for testing and were confirmed as containing bonded asbestos which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

The contractor will continue the repair work to the damaged sewer during the autumn school holidays, under the guidance of an independent hygienist who will be onsite during the works.

Once work is completed, a clearance certificate will be issued, and the site will be reopened.

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, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

