

NSW Department of Education  
**Lugarno Public School**  
Works notification | 20 May 2024



Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Thursday 16 May 2024, 2 small fragments of cement suspected to contain asbestos were found near the basketball courts on the grounds at Lugarno Public School. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

Lugarno Public School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in-ground. The fragment was found in an area listed on this plan. The fragments were removed for testing by an independent hygienist outside of school hours on Friday 17 May 2024.

Testing confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means it was 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.

On Saturday 18 May 2024, we undertook an inspection of the area around the basketball courts and playground. Additional fragments were found in the same location along the basketball court and near a tree in the playground. The fragments were immediately removed, additional fencing put in place and Geotech fabric was laid on the grounds as safety measures.

We are working with independent hygienists to finalise our remediation work. We will provide updates when we have more information about this remediation work.

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

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

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the 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.

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