

Yagoona Public School

Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Spring School Holidays, planned maintenance work took place at Yagoona Public School.

This work involved clearing old materials and cleaning the sub floor section of Building C to improve ventilation and prevent mould growth.

During this work on 4 October, elements suspected to contain asbestos were discovered.

The building was already closed off and no staff, students or vacation care were on school grounds.

We engaged an independent hygienist to take samples for testing, conduct air monitoring and provide advice for remediation.

Testing results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. 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 8 October, contractors removed the asbestos.

The independent hygienist issued a clearance certificate and the original work on site resumed.

All air monitoring 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.

All work was done during the school holidays, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done.

All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

On 9 October, the original works were completed and the area was reopened for use.

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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