

# Mount St Thomas Public School

## Works notification | 29 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 26 November 2024 a piece of building material suspected as asbestos was found on the grass between Buildings B and I at Mount St Thomas Public School.

An independent hygienist attended and removed the piece for testing and the area was cordoned off immediately.

Learning and teaching is continuing at the school.

Results received on Wednesday morning, 27 November confirmed the material as friable asbestos — which can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

A licensed asbestos contractor encapsulated the area on Wednesday afternoon and installed a tent and mesh fencing to isolate the area from staff and students.

Air monitoring carried out during an inspection on Tuesday and encapsulation on Wednesday 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.

Further site inspections will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos contractor early next week and the independent hygienist will provide further advice on possible remediation.

We will keep the community updated with the latest information as it becomes available.

All work is being done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures will remain in place while work is being done.

All work is being completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The area will remain restricted until the independent hygienist confirms it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate is issued.

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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