

East Hills Public School

Works notification | 2 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During demolition works to upgrade the external staircase and entry to the administration building at East Hills Public School, asbestos containing material was found in the cement below the access ramp. The material was confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

We are following all the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

Remediation works will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 6 May 2023, in strict accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

The area is currently cordoned off within the worksite and safety measures have been implemented including keeping the materials wet and covering the area with plastic sheeting. Demolition sites are controlled environments, and the area will remain out of bounds to students, staff and visitors until the remediation and associated maintenance work is finished.

This area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations 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 area will be inspected following remediation and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

