

Chester Hill North Public School

Works notification | 20 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 7 March 2024, during planned works to install a new shade structure and covered walkways, a contractor found fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos. The fragments were found inside the fenced-off construction site near the assembly hall area. The contractor immediately stopped work and the fragments were removed for testing.

On Monday 11 March, testing confirmed the fragments contained 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.

Chester Hill North Public School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in the ground. The fragments were found in an area listed on this plan.

On Friday 22 March the site will be inspected by an independent hygienist to ensure that there are no more fragments remaining. The school will then receive a clearance certificate before the construction site is reopened, and construction work recommences.

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 independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation and regulations,

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community are 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.

