

Pendle Hill Public School

Works notification | 27 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 25 March, during excavation works to construct a new multipurpose sports court, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were found at Pendle Hill Public School. The fragments were found inside the fenced-off construction site, south of Building J.

Work was immediately stopped, and the site was made out of bounds before the fragments were removed for testing.

On Tuesday 26 March, testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials like cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low risk.

On Tuesday 26 March, as instructed by the independent hygienist, the area where fragments were found has been covered with heavy-duty black plastic, and air monitoring was put in place.

An independent hygienist will provide a clearance certificate to the school and the contractor can then continue the remaining work. Air monitoring will continue to be in place until the excavation work is finished.

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, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

