

# Mount Kuring-gai Public School

## Works notification | 23 October 2024

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

Following on from the work outlined in the notification below, recent investigations and test results have confirmed that the additional excavated soil samples contained friable asbestos material. Friable asbestos means it can be crumbled, pulverised, or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

This soil was excavated within the area next to the water tank near Building E at Mount Kuring-gai Public School. The excavated soil was removed from the school site on 11 October 2024. The school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP) will be updated to include this information.

As an extra precaution, the area where the soil was excavated has been fenced off until further soil investigations can be conducted. A report is being undertaken by the independent hygienist before they provide remediation advice. We will keep the community updated on the progress of this work.

Air monitoring has been conducted within this area. All air monitoring results to date have 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.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your understanding.

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### Notification issued on 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following recent soil excavation to make way for the futsal court, on Monday 16 September 2024, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the ground, next to Building E at Mount Kuring-gai Public School.

The ground area was covered, cordoned off and made inaccessible to students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the material for testing and provide advice. Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos which means they were attached to other materials such as tiles or cement 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.



Work to clear the ground of fragments, remove the excavated soil and inspect the site took place outside of vacation care hours during the recent Spring School Holiday period between 28 September until 13 October 2024.

Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area was inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it was fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued.

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.