

Macquarie Fields Public School

Works Notification | 23 October 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Last week fragments suspected to contain asbestos material were found on the ground in the bare dirt area near the sports oval at Macquarie Fields Public School.

The fragments were immediately secured, and an independent asbestos hygienist inspected the area to collect samples for testing. As an added precaution the area around where the material was found was fenced off.

Testing was conducted by an independent hygienist and the material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The area was remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

On Friday 20 October the school received a clearance certificate, and the temporary fencing was removed before the area was made accessible again.

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.

