

Oatlands Public School

Works notification | 18 February 2025

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

On Thursday 13 February, following heavy rain, a fragment of material suspected to contain asbestos was found on the ground near the building services shed (Building M) at Oatlands Public School.

The area was isolated from students and staff and an independent hygienist was engaged to remove the fragment for testing.

Testing returned a positive result for bonded asbestos, which means it is 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 and inspect the site took place on Thursday 13 February 2025, and clearance was provided to reopen the area for use. All work involving asbestos-containing materials took place within school hours with safety measures in place.

This area is not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan, which will be updated with this latest find.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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.

