

Garden Suburb Public School

Works notification | 29 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 3 April 2024 fragments of suspected asbestos were found on the ground in a garden bed near the hall at Garden Suburb Public School. As a precaution, the garden area was immediately fenced off and an independent hygienist was engaged.

Following the find, the independent hygienist removed the fragments for testing, inspected the areas and installed air monitoring.

Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they are 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.

Remediation will involve clearing of the ground using a wet raking method in the area near the hall and this work will be scheduled once licensed contractors are available.

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

All 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 area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the affected area is reopened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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