

Blacktown South Public School

Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Summer School Holidays, we conducted maintenance work to replace the concrete pathway and handrails outside Building 1 at Blacktown South Public School.

When work started, contractors found fragments of building material in the ground under the original concrete. The fragments were suspected to contain asbestos.

Work stopped immediately and the area was made out of bounds with temporary fencing to restrict access for students and staff in vacation care. We engaged an independent hygienist to test the material and conduct air monitoring.

Test results confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos. This area was not listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

Work to remove the fragments started on Saturday 1 February and will be finished on Saturday 8 February 2025 between 7 am and 1 pm.

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

Once the independent hygienist is satisfied all fragments have been removed from the area a clearance certificate will be issued and all other work to replace the pathway and handrails can then continue.

The independent hygienist will update the school's SSAMP to reflect the new information.

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.



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