

Blacksmith Public School

Works notification

13 September 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you that a single piece of asbestos containing material was reported as being found in the school playground on Friday 2 September 2022. The school was made aware of this on Monday 5 September 2022.

The Health and Safety Directorate were contacted immediately, SafeWork NSW were notified and the area was isolated to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

The Asset Management Unit arranged for a comprehensive inspection of the area where the material was reported as being found and around the whole school site. This inspection took place on Monday 5 September 2022. No further pieces were found and the area was returned to the school for normal use.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist on the single piece of material that was provided to the school confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

We acknowledge that even the smallest traces of hazardous materials can be an unsettling experience for our school communities. Our role is to be vigilant across all our schools and to understand how these events can affect people, while ensuring students, staff and parents have the information they need to make informed decisions and to feel safe at school.

The school will continue to monitor the area and we will keep the community updated.

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

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

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