Allambie Heights Public School Works notification | 16 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Thursday 15 February, Allambie Heights Public School was identified as a priority site for precautionary testing by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) after its investigation revealed mulch from the same manufacturer that supplied mulch to the Rozelle Interchange site may have been used at the school.

Following on from communication sent to the Allambie Heights Public School community yesterday, we wish to advise that the independent hygienist has confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos containing material in mulch in a single garden bed at the school.

The area has been cordoned off since the morning of Friday 16 February and has been inaccessible to staff and students.

The department will work with the independent hygienist to ensure the area is remediated as soon as possible in accordance with work, health and safety laws, EPA requirements and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff.

NSW Health advises the community that the risk to human health of bonded asbestos is low, and the Department of Education is exercising an abundance of caution to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.

If you have any questions about the work being undertaken at Allambie Heights Public School, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on <u>schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

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