

Glendale East Public School

Works notification | 13 May 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On Friday 3 May 2024 during a routine inspection, fragments of suspected asbestos were identified on the ground in an out of bounds area near Building B at Glendale East Public School.

The area was immediately fenced off and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and install air monitoring. Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were 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.

As this location near Building B was outside of the area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP) this document has been updated to include this recent find and will be uploaded to our website shortly.

Work to remove debris and clear the ground has been scheduled to take place on Saturday 18 May 2024.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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 completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the work, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the temporary fencing in this area is removed. The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about the work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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