

# Fennell Bay Public School

Works notification | 8 August 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to the notification below, testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the fragments found around the basketball court contain bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The independent hygienist inspected the area, and no further fragments were identified on the surface.

Further in grounds investigation including test pits is required to determine the extent of the fragments. Additional investigations will take place from Saturday 12 August to Sunday 13 August 2023, outside school hours. The area remains fenced off.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated. Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

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## 2 August 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Fragments suspected to contain asbestos material have been found around the basketball court area at Fennell Bay Public School. The fragments were immediately wrapped and secured.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

As a precaution, the area around where the material was found has been fenced and secured so that it is out of bounds to anyone on site.

Testing will be conducted by an independent hygienist to confirm the nature of the material and if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

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