Banksia Road Public School Works notification | 26 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On <u>31 July 2024</u> we notified you about building fragments containing asbestos that were found at Banksia Road Public School.

We have been working with the independent hygienist to finalise the Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP) for the school.

Part of the development of the SSAMP included a full site inspection.

Site inspections took place on Saturday 3 August – Sunday 4 August 2024. During the inspections more fragments were found on the ground in other areas of the school. The fragments were removed from the site and tested.

Testing confirmed some of the fragments contained bonded asbestos.

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.

All inspections were done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures were in place while inspections were done.

All inspections were completed by licensed and accredited asbestos independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

All areas where fragments were found have been included in the SSAMP.

The SSAMP includes regular inspections of the school site and outlines how we will manage any future in-ground asbestos finds.

The plan is <u>publicly available</u> and has been developed in accordance with Safe Work NSW guidelines and recommendations from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

If you have any questions about the SSAMP or these inspections, please contact us on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please note our community phone and email are staffed from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

For more information on managing asbestos in or on soil, please visit the Safe Work NSW website by scanning the QR code.





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