

# Banksia Road Public School

## Works notification | 31 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Late on Friday afternoon, 26 July 2024, a fragment of building material was reported to be found on the ground near the southern side of the running track at Banksia Road Public School.

The fragment was suspected to contain asbestos. To assist with investigations, an independent hygienist was engaged immediately.

Close investigation by the independent hygienist recovered more building fragments which are likely to have been exposed by recent heavy rain and erosion.

The fragments were tested and found to contain 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.

**On Saturday 27 July and Sunday 28 July 2024, the independent hygienist remediated the area and provided clearance for normal use.**

All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by the independent hygienist in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Safety measures were in place while work was done.

There was no disruption to learning and teaching as all work was conducted outside of school hours in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

We are working with the independent hygienist to develop a site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP) for the school. This plan includes ongoing monitoring and regular checks for the school. Once the SSAMP is finalised, it will be available online with the school's asbestos register.

If you have any questions about this investigation, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



For more information on asbestos and health risks please visit the NSW Health website.



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