

Illaroo Road Public School

Works notification | 25 June 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During scheduled work to install new down pipes in the main quadrangle between Buildings A, B, C and D at Illaroo Road Public School, suspected bonded asbestos containing material was found below the asphalt on Tuesday 17 June 2025.

Licensed contractors stopped work and covered the drainage pit they were excavating with plywood sheeting. The area was already cordoned off with temporary fencing due to the scheduled work.

NSW Health explains that “living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged”.

An independent hygienist removed samples of the suspected asbestos on Wednesday 18 June 2025 and test results received on Monday 23 June 2025 confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

Licensed contractors will remove the asbestos on Saturday 28 June 2025 before the drainage work is completed and the pits are covered with concrete.

Asbestos removal work is expected to be finished by Saturday 5 July 2025. Work will then continue to finalise installation of the new down pipes in the main quadrangle.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before work continues.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

