

Wheeler Heights Public School

Works notification | 14 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 12 August 2024, 3 small fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the K-2 playground at Wheeler Heights Public School. The affected area was immediately fenced off from students and staff, an independent hygienist was engaged, and the fragments were removed for testing.

Testing results confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos, which means it was attached to other materials, such as tiles or cement, and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

NSW Health explains if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The hygienist will clear and inspect the playground and surrounding areas, and a clearance certificate will be issued before this area is reopened for use.

As this school has a site-specific asbestos management plan in place, the ongoing use of the area is managed, including regular inspections after heavy rain.

The school's asbestos register and school's asbestos management plan will be updated to include this find.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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.

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

If you have any questions about this 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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