

Wheeler Heights Public School

Works notification | 21 February 2025

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

On Monday 17 February 2025 a fragment of material suspected to contain asbestos was found on the northern oval at Wheeler Heights Public School.

The area was temporarily fenced off from students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to remove the fragment for testing. The area was thoroughly inspected by the hygienist and 7 other fragments were identified and removed.

Testing returned a positive result for bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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'.

Work to clear the ground and inspect the site took place on Tuesday 18 February 2025 and clearance was provided to reopen the area.

This area is already listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan, which will be updated with this latest find. All work involving asbestos-containing materials was completed within school hours with safety measures in place.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

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.



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