

Hornsby Heights Public School

Works notification | 5 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In our works notification dated [30 August 2024](#), we advised that we would remove soil that had previously tested positive for asbestos-containing material from Hornsby Heights Public School.

Work to remove the soil was completed on 31 August as planned.

An independent hygienist inspected the area and provided an interim clearance certificate so that planned plumbing work could continue.

Licensed plumbers will return on Saturday 7 and Saturday 14 September to continue the planned pipe replacement work.

As a safety precaution, the area will remain cordoned off and covered with thick plastic sheeting until all work is finished.

All work will be 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, including air monitoring, will be in place while work is being done.

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.

We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

Notification issued on 30 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In our works notification dated 20 August 2024, we advised that small fragments of bonded asbestos were found during planned work to repair plumbing pipes at Hornsby Heights Public School on Wednesday 13 August.

Bonded asbestos means the substance is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The area has since been cordoned off and covered with thick plastic sheeting.



Work to remove the soil, containing the fragments, from under the plastic sheeting is scheduled for Saturday 31 August 2024.

All work will be 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, including air-monitoring, will be in place while work is being done.

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