Holsworthy Public School

Works notification | 28 September 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

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

On Wednesday 9 September 2026 fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the garden bed between Buildings F and G at Holsworthy Public School.

An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments. All work involving asbestos containing materials took place on Thursday 10 September 2026 with safety measures in place, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and air monitoring.

Asbestos was used widely in Australian building materials before 1990. We manage the presence of asbestos in NSW public schools by maintaining an Asbestos Management Plan for each school and engaging independent hygienists for expert advice.

As a precautionary measure, the area was isolated to limit access by students, staff and school visitors, in accordance with the hygienist's advice. This location is not in an area identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP). The register will be updated to include this recent find as required.

All asbestos-related work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The affected areas were inspected by the independent hygienist, and a clearance certificate was issued.

Planned work over the upcoming holidays

We will be working at your school during the spring holidays.

This period may include from the end of the school day on Friday 25 September 2026 up to the first day of Term 4, Tuesday 13 October 2026.

As part of planned works, a new shade structure will be installed in between Buildings F and G. We recently identified assumed asbestos containing material in the grounds.



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As a precautionary measure, an independent hygienist will be on site while the footing works for the shade structure are being undertaken within the garden bed. Air monitoring will also be carried out during the works.

For more information about asbestos, please visit the NSW Health website or scan the QR code.

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

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.