Yarrawarrah Public School Works notification

23 September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

A project is underway at Yarrawarrah Public School to provide an additional staff carpark behind Block B. A small area between the classrooms and library (Blocks E and H) will also be asphalted for the school to install planter boxes to grow veggies and/or provide additional outdoor learning space.

Site investigations

As a precaution, prior to works starting an independent hygienist conducted site investigations of the proposed work area to test for contaminated materials. The independent hygienist report advises no asbestos containing material (ACM) fragments were visually identified, all soil samples reported asbestos concentrations below the laboratory detection limit, and the soil within the study area is preliminarily classified as general solid waste.

Given the site history though, the independent hygienist has recommended:

- implementing the site-specific asbestos management plan if suspected ACM is found
- developing an Unexpected Finds Protocol for the management of any potential contamination that may be found during the asphalting works
- any soil/fill material that is required to be removed offsite should be stockpiled an inspected by a licensed asbestos assessor prior to final waste classification.

If required, any waste materials with ACM will be removed in strict accordance with Safe Work NSW and all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines including the Department's Asbestos Management Plan for NSW Government Schools.

Next steps

Site establishment to prepare the site for works began in mid-September 2022.

Main construction works will take place between Monday 3 October and Sunday 23 October 2022, weather permitting.

Works will include removing the grass and pouring concrete to surface the area, and resurfacing areas with existing asphalt behind Block B, and between the classrooms and library (Block E and Block H).

We will continue to provide the community with updates as the project progresses.

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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