

Manning Park Public School

Works notification | 11 April 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During a routine inspection on 7 April 2024 following heavy rains, suspected asbestos containing material was identified in the eaves of a covered walkway that needed repairing near Building H at Manning Park Public School.

As a precaution, the walkway was immediately cordoned off, the eaves were secured with plastic and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and provide advice.

Testing confirmed the material in the eaves contained 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 that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

Following advice from the hygienist, work to remove the eave material took place after school hours and after Out of School Hours Care had vacated the site on Monday evening 8 April 2024. Work was done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

All 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 and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

After the work was completed the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and the school received a clearance certificate to reopen the space.

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.

