

Charlestown South Public School

Works notification | 24 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During the Winter School Holidays, one fragment of suspected asbestos was found on the west side of Building B near the water tank at Charlestown South Public School.

The area was cordoned off with temporary fencing. An independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing, install air monitoring and provide advice.

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

All air monitoring results to date has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

The hygienist removed the fragment, visually inspected the area and has provided clearance for the area to be reopened.

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. Safety measures and air monitoring were in place before the work started.

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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