

NSW Department of Education
Heckenberg Public School
Works notification | 30 April 2024



Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of our maintenance program, the Department of Education conducts routine building inspections across NSW schools.

In March 2024, during an inspection at Heckenberg Public School, piers under the Administration Building were inspected and some had material supporting them that was suspected to contain asbestos.

The area under the building is not accessible to staff and students and remains locked and out of bounds.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the piers and take samples for testing.

Testing confirmed that one of the piers had asbestos containing material. The asbestos is bonded which means it is attached to another material such as vinyl or concrete and cannot be crumbled under light pressure.

Work to remediate the area will take place on Saturday 11 May 2024 and if necessary, Saturday 18 May 2024. All work involving asbestos containing material will be done out of school hours.

Additional safety measures including air monitoring will be put in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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 area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before any other building maintenance work is completed in this area.

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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