

Toongabbie West Public School

Works notification | 8 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 27 February, small fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the grass area alongside the eastern fence line of Toongabbie West Public School.

After finding the fragments, the area was immediately fenced off and made out of bounds to students and staff and samples were sent for testing. The fragments were found in an area where students do not typically play or enter.

Testing has confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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.

On Monday 4 March, outside of school hours, an independent hygienist inspected the area to ensure that there were no further fragments and issued the school with a clearance certificate. The area was reopened for regular school operations.

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.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. If you have any questions about the work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

