

# Hornsby North Public School

## Works notification | 5 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 3 September 2024, 2 fragments of material suspected to contain bonded asbestos were found by a staff member on a pathway next to old Berowra Road at the back of Hornsby North Public School.

As a precaution, the pathway where the fragments were found was fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. The Berowra Road school entry gate was also closed temporarily. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing, provide advice and inspect the site for any other visible fragments.

Testing has confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos which means they were 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.

The school has a site-specific asbestos management plan for asbestos found in-ground. The fragments were found in an area not listed on this plan. The school's site-specific asbestos management plan will be updated to include this find.

On Wednesday 4 September 2024, the area was cleared of debris and inspected by the independent hygienist to ensure no other fragments were present. A clearance certificate has now been issued to reopen the area.

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.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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