

Belair Public School

Project update | 27 February 2024

Dear parents, carers and staff

This update is in relation to the work that is currently underway to manage known asbestos in the ground at Belair Public School.

Update since summer school holiday period

As advised in our last update (Project Update – December 2023), the independent hygienist conducted additional investigation and testing work over the summer school holiday period. These findings will be used to support refining the scope of remediation work and any additional work required and update the Remediation Action Plan (RAP) for Belair Public School.

Alongside this RAP, a site-specific asbestos management plan is being developed that will inform the ongoing management activities on the site. Like all schools with a site-specific management plan, once finalised this will be published online alongside the school's asbestos register on the School Infrastructure NSW website: <https://edu.nsw.link/asbestosregister>

We will continue to provide updates to the school community on the progress of this planning.

Measures in place currently

While this planning takes place, we continue to follow all advice from the independent hygienist on measures on site. This includes the area associated with fragment finds in 2023, which continues to be isolated, covered with geofabric, with air monitoring in place.

All air monitoring to date across the site 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. These results represent a consistent finding that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area. Asbestos fibres pose a risk to health if airborne. In this case the evidence and advice from our hygienist is that there is not airborne asbestos in this area.

Keeping you informed

We appreciate that work being carried out at Belair Public School is taking longer than anticipated however, the work is being done carefully and methodically following all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated. If you have any questions about this work, please contact us on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.