

Shelley Public School

Works notification | 16 February 2024

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of the Prospect Highway Upgrade, delivered by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), landscaping works are taking place next to the eastern boundary of Shelley Public School on Prospect Highway/Blacktown Road.

TfNSW suspected possible asbestos-containing material in mulch used for these landscaping works.

Due to recent weather, some mulch has washed on to school's sports field, along the eastern boundary. As a precaution a section of the sports field is now fenced off and is not accessible to students and staff.

In the area closest to the school boundary, initial inspections by TfNSW found no asbestos containing material in the mulch.

The department has engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the school's sport field, confirm the nature of the material, and install air monitoring as a precaution.

If necessary, this area will be remediated by TfNSW 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 independent asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is re-opened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

