Bidwill Public School Works notification | 22 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 1 July 2024, a staff member found a small fragment of building material in an upstairs hallway outside a storeroom in Building B at Bidwill Public School.

The fragment was suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precautionary measure the sample was wrapped immediately and we engaged an independent hygienist.

On Wednesday 3 July 2024, the independent hygienist carried out an inspection where the fragment was found.

There was no damage to the building in the area, however, the independent hygienist took samples from the ceiling void to conduct comparative sample testing against the fragment.

Testing confirmed the fragment found contained bonded asbestos and the samples from the ceiling void did not contain asbestos.

NSW Health explains if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The hygienist provided a clearance certificate, and the area was reopened on Thursday 4 July 2024.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education' Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed 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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



