

York Public School

Works notification | 2 June 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The NSW Department of Education regularly inspects and maintains its assets.

On Saturday 10 May 2025, during planned work to repair a retaining wall, we found fragments of building material in the garden bed west of the Library and Administration Building at York Public School.

The fragments were found in an area listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP) and are being treated as asbestos-containing material.

The area was isolated with temporary construction fencing and the garden bed was covered with plastic and secured with sandbags.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area, remove the fragments and provide recommendations on soil remediation.

On Saturday 7 June 2025, licensed contractors will cover and encapsulate the soil with a geo-fabric, as recommended by the hygienist. The geo-fabric will help keep asbestos-containing soil separate from clean topsoil.

Work hours will be between 8 am and 1 pm, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

When the soil encapsulation work is finished, an independent hygienist will inspect the area and issue a clearance certificate before work on the retaining wall continues.

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

Safety measures will be in place while work is being done.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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