

Newbridge Heights Public School

Works notification | 11 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Contractors identified fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos in two garden beds, along the boundary with Lewin Crescent, at Newbridge Heights Public School on Thursday 7 November 2024.

As a precaution, the beds – which are listed in the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP) – were temporarily fenced-off and made inaccessible.

There is no ongoing disruption to school operations.

An independent hygienist collected the fragments for testing and provided remediation advice on the same day.

While we are waiting for test results, the fragments are being treated as containing bonded asbestos – as the area is listed on the SSAMP.

NSW Health explains living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged.

Encapsulation works, following the hygienist's recommendations, is scheduled within the next fortnight. We will keep the community informed when this is scheduled.

Fencing will remain in place until this work is completed and the hygienist provides a clearance certificate, allowing the areas to be reopened.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

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, including air monitoring, will be in place while work is being done.

All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by hygienists.

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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