

Katoomba Public School

Works Notification | 24 June 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 20 June 2024, small fragments of suspected asbestos were found by students digging in the playground, near the old cricket nets, at Katoomba Primary School.

The material is suspected to be bonded asbestos and was secured by staff.

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 area where the fragments were found has been cordoned off.

Staff will continue to supervise the area during breaks to ensure students don't gain access.

On Monday 24 June 2024, the hygienist will collect the fragments for testing and conduct an inspection of the playground, in accordance with the school's site-specific asbestos management plan, and provide advice for any future remediation. A clearance certificate will be issued before the area is reopened.

All work will be completed in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. This work will be conducted by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, if needed, 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. We will keep the community updated.

If you have any questions, please contact the department on the details below.

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