

Katoomba Public School

Works notification | 27 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 24 September 2024, pieces of building fragments suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground between Building A and the perimeter fence at Katoomba Public School.

The area is out of bounds to students and staff. As an extra precaution it was immediately taped off.

We engaged an independent hygienist to remove the fragments for testing, provide advice and inspect the site.

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

The independent hygienist will update the school's [Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan](#) to include this area.

Pending further assessment during the school holidays, the area will remain taped off until a clearance certificate is issued.

All work will be done outside of school hours, 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.

All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors 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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



