

John Purchase Public School

Works notification | 6 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 17 December 2024, in preparation for landscaping work near the top oval, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified on the ground at John Purchase Public School.

As a precaution, the area was made out of bounds to students and staff. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing, undertake air monitoring and provide advice.

Testing confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that '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'.

This location is in an area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP).

Work to clear the ground and inspect the site took place outside of school hours the next day, Wednesday 18 December 2024.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Following remediation, the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and a clearance certificate was issued.

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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