Mount Lewis Infants School Works notification | 12 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

During demolition preparatory works for the footpath upgrade at Mount Lewis Infants School, asbestos containing material was found in the ground under the concrete footpath near the Lowry Street entrance. The Lowry Street entrance is closed, and students, staff, and visitors are to use the Noble Ave entrance.

Testing undertaken by an independent hygienist confirmed the material as bonded asbestos which means it is attached to other material such as vinyl or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The area is cordoned off within a construction site, and safety measures and monitoring put in place. It will remain out of bounds until the remediation and associated maintenance work is finished.

Work to remove the material will take place on Saturday 13 May 2023. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the footpath is demolished.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

