Holroyd School Works notification | 14 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday 7 August 2024, fragments of building material were found on the ground in the playground south west of Building U at Holroyd School.

The area is not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP), however the fragments were suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precautionary measure, the gate to the playground area was locked and made inaccessible to students and staff.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area and organise samples for testing.

On Monday 12 August 2024, test results 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 is organising a second inspection and will provide remediation recommendations if required.

The SSAMP will also be updated to include this area of the school site.

All inspections involving hazardous materials take place outside of school hours, with safety measures and air monitoring in place while work is being done.

All inspections are conducted in accordance with recommendations from the independent hygienist.

Use and access to the playground will be restricted until a clearance certificate is received.

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.



For more information on asbestos and health risks please visit the NSW Health website.



