

# Manilla Central School

## Works notification | 24 September 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 11 September 2025, during planned excavation in the grounds of Manilla Central School, the contractor discovered fragments of material suspected to contain bonded asbestos. The asbestos was found in the ground in front of boys' toilets, on the south side of Building B.

The area was immediately fenced off and work stopped. An independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragments for testing and provide advice on remediation. The hygienist attended the site on Saturday 13 September 2025 to clear the area and conduct an inspection.

This location is not in an area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SAMP). The SAMP will be updated to include this recent find as required. A clearance certificate was issued by the hygienist before the area was reopened for construction work to continue.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials was conducted outside of school hours with appropriate safety measures in place.

NSW Health explains the "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".

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 inspected by independent hygienists.

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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