

Bondi Public School

Community Update

10 November 2022

A remediation project will shortly take place at Bondi Public School to encapsulate contaminated material, including asbestos, that is present below the surface.

Remediation works are scheduled for between December 2022 and January 2023

In May 2022, fragments of asbestos containing material were found in soil on the lower playground at the school. School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) engaged an independent occupational hygienist to inspect the site and conduct a surface assessment and testing below ground.

The hygienist confirmed there was no further asbestos containing material on the surface, however the testing below the surface found contamination present. As a result, safety measures and monitoring were put in place and the area was cordoned off to keep staff, students and visitors safe.

The hygienist developed a comprehensive Remediation Action Plan (RAP), which outlines the work needed to appropriately manage the sub surface contaminants.

The contaminated area will be encapsulated in accordance with this plan and the ongoing advice from the independent hygienist.

Work is planned to be completed during the summer school holidays.

The remediation of the area will be undertaken 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.

Once the area has been fully remediated, the independent hygienist will provide a clearance certificate confirming it is safe to re-open the areas from Term 1 2023.

SINSW will provide an update to the community before works commence in December and again when works are completed, expected late January 2023.

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

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important work.

If you have any questions regarding the remediation works at Bondi Public School, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

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