

# Kempsey High School

Works notification | 31 January 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

School Infrastructure NSW has been working with an independent hygienist to remediate the main quadrangle at Kempsey High School since fragments of asbestos containing material were found in August 2022. Safety measures and monitoring have been in place and the area has remained fenced off and out of bounds for staff, students and visitors since August.

Further to our notification last September, the hygienist has since conducted further investigations and soil sampling and confirmed that while no further asbestos containing material was present on the surface, the removal of contaminated soil below surface level was required. An area of approximately 1200m<sup>2</sup> in the main quadrangle was removed and safely disposed of and then replaced with new topsoil and seeded with grass.

Remediation on the main quadrangle started on Tuesday 17 January 2023 and the removal of asbestos containing material was completed on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

The area was remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations, the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and the site-specific action plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area has been inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and the school has received a clearance certificate. To allow the grass to grow, some areas of the grass may continue to be cordoned off during the first weeks of Term 1.

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

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

