

Gunnedah High School

Works notification - 13 October 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 12 September 2025, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were identified during excavation of the old tennis courts at Gunnedah High School.

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 Friday 12 September 2025 to clear the area and conduct an inspection.

Work to remove bonded asbestos took place during the Spring School Holidays on Friday 10 October 2025. The affected area was inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it had been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued before construction work resumed on site.

Testing confirmed the ground contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that “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”.

This location is not known to contain bonded asbestos as per the school’s Asbestos Register. Safety measures, including air monitoring, were in place.

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 being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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