

Lake Macquarie High School

Works notification | 23 May 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers and neighbours,

On Monday 13 May 2024, during a routine inspection following heavy rain, 2 fragments of suspected asbestos were identified on the ground and footpath next to the driveway at the rear entry (northeast corner) of Lake Macquarie High School.

The area was immediately fenced off and an independent hygienist was engaged to undertake testing and install air monitoring. Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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.

As this location was outside of the area identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP) this document will be updated to include this recent find and will be uploaded to our website shortly.

Work to remove the fragments and clear the ground was undertaken the following day, outside of school hours. No other fragments were found in this area.

All work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Work was conducted completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work started.

Following the work, the area was inspected by the independent hygienist and the school received a clearance certificate before the temporary fencing in this area was removed.

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

If you have any questions about the 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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