

Hunter River High School

Works notification | 23 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 20 August 2024, 3 fragments of material suspected to contain bonded asbestos were found on the ground next to the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and demountable building on the southern side of Hunter River High School.

The area was immediately fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged, and the fragments were removed for testing. Testing confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos which means it was 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.

The school has a site-specific asbestos management plan for asbestos found in-ground. The fragments were found in an area already listed on this plan. The school's asbestos register will be updated to include this find.

On Wednesday 21 August 2024, after school hours, the area was cleared and inspected by the independent hygienist. A clearance certificate was issued to reopen the area.

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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