

Hunter River High School

Works notification | 27 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are planning to install a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) over the double sport courts at Hunter River High School, as part of the Regional Renewal Priority Program.

As part of detailed planning ahead of construction starting, we are proactively inspecting the soil around the perimeter of the existing double sport courts.

The area is listed in the existing site-specific Asbestos in Grounds Management Plan for the school, as previous fragments containing asbestos were found in the area.

The soil investigation will be conducted by an independent occupational hygienist on Saturday 12 August 2023, outside school hours. The work will involve drilling six boreholes using a 100mm auger to a maximum of 3 metres, to plan for footings required for the COLA.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place and all work zones will be out of bounds while work is carried out.

All work will be done 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 contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The inspection has been scheduled in consultation with school leadership to minimise disruption to teaching and learning.

Following the inspection, the drill holes will be filled in, the area inspected by the independent occupational hygienist, and a clearance certificate will be provided to the school.

Planning will continue for the installation required before the COLA construction work starts. We will continue to keep the community informed.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

