

Blakehurst High School

Works notification | 4 March 2024

Dear staff, parents/carers,

On Thursday 22 February, fragments of cement material suspected to contain asbestos were found in soil on the south-eastern corner of the school, beneath and around the demountable buildings. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

We engaged an independent occupational hygienist to inspect the site, remove the fragments and arrange for them to be tested. Testing has confirmed that the fragments contain bonded asbestos, which means they are attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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.

Blakehurst High School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos that is in the ground.

Work to make the area ready for use again will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

