

Heathcote High School

Works notification | 13 March 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 28 February 2025, 2 small fragments suspected of containing asbestos were found in a section of the bottom oval at Heathcote High School.

These areas are listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

The areas were immediately roped off and made out of bounds to students and staff.

On Wednesday 5 March we engaged an independent hygienist to remove samples for testing and inspect the area for more fragments.

Test results confirmed the fragments 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".

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 done.

On Tuesday 11 March after a thorough inspection, the independent hygienist was satisfied all fragments had been removed from the area and issued a clearance certificate.

The area was reopened for use on the same day.

The SSAMP will be updated to reflect the new information.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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