

# Heathcote High School

## Works notification | 14 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 19 September 2024, building fragments were found on the ground outside the Building E girls toilets at Heathcote High School.

The area was not listed on the site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP) however the fragments were suspected to contain asbestos.

As a precautionary measure, the area was barricaded with bunting and made inaccessible to students and staff. There was no disruption to school operations.

On 20 September, an independent hygienist conducted testing, air-monitoring and inspected the site for any other visible fragments.

On 23 September, 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.

All air monitoring returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

The fragments were removed, a clearance certificate was issued and the area was reopened for use on 27 September 2024.

The [SSAMP](#) will be updated to include this area of the school site.

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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