

John Edmondson High School

Works notification | 25 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday afternoon, 15 March 2024, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground in the dirt area south of the hall at John Edmondson High School.

The area was immediately cordoned off and made out of bounds to students and staff as a precautionary measure. We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

On Tuesday 19 March 2024, testing confirmed that some of 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.

Remediation recommendations were received from the independent hygienist and included a clearance inspection of the area and the development of a site specific asbestos management plan for the school. When this plan is finalised, it will be available on the school website alongside the school's asbestos register.

On Tuesday 19 March, the work involving a clearance inspection which is a visual assessment of the area was undertaken by the hygienist. The school received a clearance certificate for the area and it has been made accessible to students and staff.

All work was completed in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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.

