

Castle Hill High School

Works notification | 5 June 2023

Dear neighbour,

As part of preparatory work to upgrade the Castle Hill High School sports oval (refer to map over the page) from grass to a synthetic surface, comprehensive subsoil testing across the sports oval was carried out over the Autumn school holidays.

This testing confirmed there are no hazardous materials, which includes no asbestos-containing material, in the subsoil of the sports oval.

During the inspection of the sports oval by the independent hygienist, a small fragment of old building material was found near the entrance to the sports oval between a demountable and the rear of the administration building. Subsoil testing was undertaken in the entrance area and underneath adjacent demountables.

The results of the soil testing detected a small building fragment containing bonded asbestos and a small amount of asbestos fibres within the soil in the entrance area. The investigation also detected an additional small building fragment in the entrance area and an additional small building fragment underneath the nearby demountable, both containing bonded asbestos. Bonded asbestos is attached to other materials such as cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. Asbestos fibres are loose or contained within material such as soil.

To remediate the area, a layer of subsoil has been removed from the entrance area to even the ground level and cap it with concrete (refer map over the page for location of newly concreted entrance area). The ground beneath the adjacent demountables has also been covered by a layer of specialist geotextile material. Fencing has been erected at the end of the demountables to prevent access to beneath the buildings until skirting is installed in the coming weeks.

The Department has put in place all necessary safety measures and monitoring during the works. The work has been carried out in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist, with work, health, safety laws and the Department's Asbestos Management Plan. Please be assured that all works have been completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists.

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.

Please contact School Infrastructure NSW via the contact details below with any enquiries.



Aerial image of Castle Hill High School, highlighting sports oval to be resurfaced

