

Westfields Sports High School

Works notification | 13 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

A staff member found a piece of fibre cement material, suspected to contain asbestos on the grass area outside Building A at Westfields Sports High School on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

The area was immediately made out of bounds to students and staff and cordoned off with temporary fencing the same day.

The area was not listed on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP).

An independent hygienist inspected the area on 8 August and removed the materials for testing, which confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

The SSAMP will be updated to include these results.

NSW Health explains 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 has 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 area has been reopened, after an inspection by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate was issued.

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.

Remediation 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.

