Westfields Sports High School Works notification | 29 August 2024

Dear parents, carers and staff

Further to the <u>works notification on 13 August 2024</u> regarding in-ground bonded asbestos materials found near Building A at Westfields Sports High School, soil testing has been carried out in preparation for the area's future use.

Test results, returned on 28 August, confirmed the presence of friable asbestos in soil samples.

Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

For more information, you can read the NSW Health asbestos fact sheet.

Safety measures, including temporary fencing and air-monitoring were in place, while waiting for results. The area will remain cordoned off while we plan future remediation work.

The area remains undisturbed, with no building or gardening work affecting the grass-covered soil.

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.

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.

We will update the community when remediation work has been scheduled.

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.



Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 1300 482 651 www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

