

Condell Park High School

Works notification | 28 February 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 26 February 2024, a fragment of building material suspected to contain asbestos was found in the ground at Condell Park High School. The fragment was found during excavation work in the fenced off construction site.

Excavation work stopped immediately, and the construction site was closed.

We engaged an independent occupational hygienist to inspect the site, remove the fragment and arrange for the fragment to be tested. The results confirmed that the fragment 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.

As a precautionary measure we have installed black mesh around the construction site fencing as an additional barrier for staff and students.

Excavation work will start again on Saturday 2 March 2024, with the independent hygienist on site during all work and further precautionary measures put in place, including air monitoring.

The removed material and area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm there is no more asbestos containing material. The school will receive a clearance certificate before the construction site is reopened.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational 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.

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu or during business hours on 1300 482 651.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

