

# Mount Austin High School

## Works notification | 19 March 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Sheets of building material suspected to contain bonded asbestos have been found behind a retaining wall, near Building B, at Mount Austin High School on 5 March 2025.

The material was detected during excavation work to build a new wellbeing hub.

Work stopped immediately, access was restricted with bollards and tape and the soil was encapsulated with plastic.

An independent hygienist attended the same day (5 March) to test the material, which confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

Remediation will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors on Saturday 22 March.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

The area will be reinspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been remediated and excavation work can continue.

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.



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