

# Evans High School

Works notification | 29 February 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 22 February, a fragment of building material suspected to contain asbestos was found in a garden bed behind a fence outside the administration building at Evans High School.

The site was immediately cordoned off and made out of bounds.

We engaged an independent occupational hygienist to inspect the site, remove the fragment and arrange for it to be tested. Testing has confirmed that the fragment contains bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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.

On Tuesday 27 February, an independent hygienist attended the site to confirm that the area was clear. The school received a clearance report, and the area was re-opened.

Work was done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was 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 about this work, please contact the Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

