

Fairvale High School

Works notification | 12 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Wednesday afternoon, 6 March 2024, we were inspecting the school grounds after the canteen fire at Fairvale High School. During the inspection, unrelated to the fire, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground in the sports oval opposite the canteen.

Temporary fencing was put in place immediately and the area made out of bounds for students and staff. We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the site and remove samples for testing.

Testing has confirmed that some of the fragments 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.

The site was inspected by an independent hygienist on Thursday 7 March 2024 and the school received a clearance certificate on Friday 8 March 2024. Temporary fencing will be removed this week, and the area will be made accessible again.

We are working with the independent hygienist to develop a Site-Specific Management Plan for the school and when it is approved it will be available on the school's website with the school's Asbestos Register.

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.

