

Muirfield High School

Works notification | 18 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection on 11 October 2024, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found on the ground at Muirfield High School. This was following the removal of 2 demountable kitchen buildings that were no longer required from the school site. The fragments were found on the ground where the demountable buildings were previously positioned, in the area next to the sports court.

The area was cordoned off and an independent hygienist removed the pieces for testing. Testing confirmed the material on the ground contained bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The school has a site-specific management plan for asbestos found in-ground. The plan will be updated to include this find.

Work to clear the ground of fragments and inspect the school site took place outside of school hours between Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 October 2024.

All 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 independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Safety measures and air monitoring were in place before the work started.

The independent hygienist will inspect the area and provide a clearance certificate before the area is reopened.

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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