Muirfield High School Works notification | 11 February 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection on 3 February 2025, fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found in multiple areas, including a garden bed next to the basketball courts at Muirfield High School.

The areas were cordoned off and an independent hygienist was engaged to remove the fragments for testing.

Testing confirmed the material contained 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'.

The asbestos was found in areas identified on the school's site-specific asbestos management plan (SSAMP). Due to the number of fragments found in the garden bed next to the basketball courts, the hygienist has recommended the area be remediated.

On 4 February the areas were fenced off and secured with geo-fabric. Remediation on the garden bed near the basketball court continued on Saturday 8 February based on the hygienist's recommendations.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The independent hygienist has inspected the area and a clearance certificate was issued on 11 February.

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.



