

Fort Street High School

Works notification | 2 July 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Tuesday 4 June, during a routine inspection following heavy rain, fragments of cement material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the grass on the eastern side of Fort Street High School, near Andreas Street. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

The fragments were removed by an independent hygienist for testing on Friday 21 June.

Test results confirmed the material is bonded asbestos.

On Monday 24 June, following more heavy rain, additional fragments were found in the same area. The area remains fenced off and out of bounds. Work to remove the fragments was done on Saturday 29 June.

The area was sprayed with fibro seal and covered with geo fabric to contain the fragments until further testing can be done. Following this, we will work with the independent hygienist to develop a plan to manage the in-ground asbestos.

Fort Street High School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in-ground. As part of ongoing management under this plan, inspections are required following heavy rain. The fragments were found in an area listed on this plan.

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.

All work will continue to be done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priority. We will keep the community updated.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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