

Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Umina

Works notification | 16 September 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On 11 September 2024, during a routine inspection, a discarded broken pipe suspected to contain asbestos was identified on the ground, in the southwestern corner of bush near the agricultural farm at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus.

The area was fenced off and made inaccessible to students and staff. As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to install air monitoring, collect material for testing and provide advice. Testing has confirmed material in the pipe contained bonded asbestos material 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.

All air monitoring results to date have returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

Work to clear the ground of debris and inspect the site will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 21 September 2024.

Work will be done under the supervision of an independent hygienist with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place before the work starts.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. 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.

Following the work, the area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued.

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 NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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