

Gorokan High School

Works notification | 19 October 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Further to the notification dated 10 October 2023, testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material found on the ground around the seating area near the oval contains bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

The independent hygienist inspected the area around the oval and no further fragments were identified.

The spectator seating will be removed due to deterioration in condition of the seating and to support maintaining ground coverage in this high traffic area.

A new layer of soil and turf will be installed in the area once the seating is removed.

This work will take place on Saturday 21 October 2023. The area remains cordoned off and additional safety measures and monitoring will be in place before work starts.

This work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and the school's site-specific asbestos management plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The school will receive a clearance certificate before this area of the oval is reopened, but temporary fencing will remain in place for a few extra weeks to allow the new grass to properly root.

We are working with the school on plans for a more suitable replacement seating system.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

