

Blaxland High School

Works notification | 17 November 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 13 November 2023, fragments of suspected asbestos containing material were found in the grassed area north of Buildings L and G. The school has a site-specific asbestos management plan in place for known asbestos in grounds, and this area is listed on this plan.

As per the management plan actions, the fragments were removed, and the area was immediately fenced and secured so it is out of bounds to anyone on site.

On Tuesday 14 November 2023, an independent hygienist attended the site, set up air monitoring and conducted remediation. A total of six fragments were located within the fenced area which were removed.

The hygienist tested the fragments and confirmed that the material within the fragments is bonded asbestos. This means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

All work involving asbestos containing materials took place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and air monitoring in place.

Work was done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Following the work, the hygienist provided the school with a clearance certificate and the area has been reopened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

