

# Blaxland High School

Works notification | 18 September 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Small fragments suspected to contain asbestos material were found in the grassy area outside Building L at Blaxland High School. The fragments were immediately wrapped and secured.

We are following all the advice and protocols of independent asbestos hygienists and other experts.

As a precaution, the area around where the material was found has been fenced and secured so that it is out of bounds to anyone on site.

Testing conducted by an independent hygienist on Thursday 14 September 2023 has confirmed that the material within the fragments found is bonded asbestos, which 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 Building L and no further fragments were identified.

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

All air monitoring conducted to date continues to return results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01fibres/mL).

The school received a clearance certificate confirming the area is safe for reoccupation, and the temporary fencing was removed.

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.

