

Blaxland High School

Works notification | 6 December 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 30 November 2023, suspected asbestos containing material was found at the rear of the playground area.

The site was inspected after heavy rain as per the site-specific asbestos management plan for this area of the school.

The fragments were removed, and the area was immediately fenced and secured so it is out of bounds to anyone on site.

On Thursday 30 November 2023, an independent hygienist attended the site, set up air monitoring and conducted remediation. A total of two 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 on Tuesday 5 December 2023.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

