

Blaxland High School

Works notification | 7 August 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 2 August 2024, a fragment of building material was found on the ground at the back oval, near the stairs to the Yarning Circle at Blaxland High School.

The area is listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP). As per the management plan, the area was temporarily taped off and made out of bounds.

We engaged an independent hygienist to inspect the area, organise the sample for testing and conduct air monitoring on the same day.

On Tuesday 6 August, test results confirmed the fragment contained bonded asbestos.

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.

Air monitoring 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. Asbestos fibres pose a risk to health if airborne. In this case the evidence and advice from our hygienist is that there is no airborne asbestos in this area.

All inspection work was done outside of school hours, in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures were in place while the inspection was done.

The inspection was completed by a licensed and accredited independent hygienist in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

No further remediation work is required. The independent hygienist has provided a clearance certificate and the area has been re-opened for normal use.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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