

Toormina High School

Works notification | 18 March 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

As outlined in our [works notification on 9 March 2026](#), preparations to demountables on the oval are underway at Toormina High School.

As a precaution, we had scheduled an independent hygienist to proactively inspect the site and soil on Monday 16 March 2026. On the same day, the contractor found fragments of material they suspected to contain asbestos in subsurface soil. Work to install the demountables was paused and the area was isolated once the fragments were found.

The oval was already fenced in preparation for this work and inaccessible to students and staff.

The School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP) recognises that asbestos-containing material may be present in the subsurface soil beneath some parts of the school grounds which is why the inspection by a hygienist had been arranged.

Testing has confirmed the presence of both friable and non-friable asbestos in the subsurface soil. Friable asbestos can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Additional safety measures have been put in place to encapsulate the affected soil.

All air monitoring to date across the site has 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. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

We are currently working through the appropriate next steps with qualified specialists. Once we understand how work can proceed safely, we will provide a further update.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.



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