

South Sydney High School

Works notification | 11 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following the [notification on 22 October 2024](#), further fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos have been found at South Sydney High School.

On 23 and 25 October 2024, fragments were found on the ground at different locations across the school. Some of these areas were not listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

All visible fragments were removed, the areas were marked with witches' hats and made out of bounds to students and staff. School operations were unaffected by these restrictions.

We engaged an independent hygienist to take samples for testing, perform a site-wide inspection and conduct air monitoring.

Test results confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

After the thorough site-wide inspection, the hygienist was satisfied the school was clear of all visible fragments.

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.

On 1 November 2024, the hygienist issued a clearance certificate and all restricted areas were reopened for use.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist has been engaged to perform twice weekly site-wide inspections and conduct air monitoring for up to 3 weeks beginning the week of 4 November 2024.

On the hygienist recommendation, we will conduct a detailed soil analysis in the near future.

The SSAMP will be updated to reflect the new information.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

