

# South Sydney High School

## Works notification | 22 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 14 October 2024, a fragment of building material suspected to contain asbestos was found near the Paine Street gate, east of Building A at South Sydney High School.

This area is not listed on the school's Site Specific Asbestos Management Plan (SSAMP).

As a precaution, the area was immediately barricaded off with tape and made out of bounds to students and staff.

We engaged an independent hygienist to take samples for testing, search the area for more fragments and advise on next steps.

On Thursday 17 October, another fragment was found in the same area.

Testing results from samples collected on 14 and 17 October confirmed the fragments 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.

After a thorough investigation of the area, the hygienist was satisfied that all visible fragments were removed.

On Monday 21 October, a clearance certificate was issued and the area was reopened for use.

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

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.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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