## South Sydney High School Works notification | 6 February 2025

## Dear staff, parents and carers,

On <u>2 December 2024</u>, we informed you about soil analysis work taking place during the Summer School Holidays at South Sydney High School.

During this work, the independent hygienist found further fragments containing bonded asbestos in the garden bed between Building E and the carpark.

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".

Work stopped and the garden bed was encapsulated with geo-fabric. Temporary fencing was installed around the area to restrict access and prevent damage to the geo-fabric.

As an additional safety measure, air monitoring was installed.

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

Additional soil sampling took place on Saturday 1 February and Sunday 2 February 2025 between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm.

The areas will remain fenced off until the analysis is completed, at which point the hygienist will inform of any future remediation requirements.

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.



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