

Quakers Hill High School

Works notification | 19 March 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Thursday 14 March 2024, during excavation work to construct a new basketball/tennis court at Quakers Hill High School, fragments of building material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the ground. Work stopped immediately and the construction site was fenced off and made out of bounds.

Testing has confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

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.

As a precautionary measure we have covered the immediate area with black plastic as instructed by an independent hygienist, which provides an additional barrier for students and staff.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm there is no more asbestos containing material. The school will then receive a clearance certificate before the construction site is reopened.

As an extra precautionary measure, when excavation work recommences, an independent hygienist will monitor the work, and air monitoring will also be put in place.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

