

Northern Beaches Secondary College – Balgowlah Campus

Works notification | 8 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are currently upgrading the façade of the school hall at Northern Beaches Secondary College – Balgowlah Campus, to improve the entrance and exterior to the hall.

During excavation works, suspected asbestos containing material was found in the soil under concrete near the entrance to the hall. As a precaution, we have stopped works and the area surrounding the entrance and the eastern section of the school hall remains isolated, to keep students, staff and school visitors separate.

An independent hygienist has been engaged and is conducting testing to confirm the nature of the material and advise if remediation is needed.

If necessary, this area will be remediated in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited independent asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected to ensure it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued to the contractor so works can continue.

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

We will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

