

# Epping Boys High School

Works notification | 12 April 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Monday 8 April 2024, fragments of cement material suspected to contain asbestos were found at the base of a tree next to the sports field at Epping Boys High School. The area was fenced off and made out of bounds.

Epping Boys High School has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in the ground. As part of this plan, inspections are required following heavy rain events. The fragments were found in an area listed on this plan.

On Tuesday 9 April 2024, an independent hygienist removed the fragments for testing. Testing confirmed that the fragments contained bonded asbestos, which means they were attached to other materials such as cement or vinyl 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.

The area has now been inspected by an independent hygienist to ensure that there were no more fragments remaining. The school was then issued with a clearance certificate and the area has been reopened.

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

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

Thank you for your co-operation during this important work.

