

**Message for Harrison School community**

Monday 3 September 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to update you all on the latest information around the presence of a small amount of asbestos-containing material in some of the garden beds at our school.

The fencing of the garden beds within the school has been completed. The fencing of the garden beds in the car park area is still ongoing. These arrangements will be in place as a precaution to ensure no one can inadvertently access the garden beds.

With changes to some areas of the playground due to the fencing, we will manage student access to the playground and the ovals for play space during lunch and recess times. We will have additional roving staff on the playground to assist with this. We also have organised a specialist to attend the school on Monday and review that evacuation routes are appropriate in case they are required.

WorkSafe ACT and relevant experts continue to work with the Education Directorate to best manage the issue. Testing of garden beds will continue to assess the extent of the presence of the asbestos containing material throughout the school.

You might have noticed the presence of some security staff at the school on Friday morning. This was as a precaution to help ensure no one could access the garden beds, and to help manage the flow of people at the school after part of the fencing had been installed. Now the fencing has been completed within the school, their presence will not be required.

I would like to remind you that school psychologist services are available to students and families who are concerned.

While this issue is being worked through, I intend to maintain a daily communication with the school community by providing an update on any relevant information at the end of each day. This update will be delivered via email, the school's blog and the P&C Facebook page.

For any further queries, please contact 6142 2200.

As always, I am happy to be contacted directly with any other questions you might have.

Jason Holmes

Principal