



# St Agnes Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you would be aware, work is continuing on our school building project which is creating wonderful new learning facilities for our students and staff.

During the demolition of an existing concrete slab which occurred during the holidays, we discovered exposed asbestos fragments in the fill material. Asbestos is a now discredited building material that was used extensively in the construction industry up until the 1980s. The material remains in bonded form.

The safety and wellbeing of all members of our community is always our highest priority. With this in mind, and consistent with best practice, once the asbestos fragments were discovered, the following steps were taken:

- Work on the site was immediately stopped
- A hygienist was commissioned to assess the site and provide specialist advice
- The affected area was covered with black plastic
- An exclusion zone was established around the area
- An application to SafeWork NSW for a permit to remove contaminated material will be made. Pending approval, this will take place out-of-hours. This is likely to be on the weekend
- Air monitoring will be conducted
- Work on the site will only be restarted once a clearance certificate has been provided
- Ongoing safety assessments for any contaminated substances will continue.

Thank you for your continued support of St Agnes. Be assured that the safety of the school community will remain our singular priority.

Regards

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Principal  
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