

St John Paul II Catholic College

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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Currently work is underway to install sewerage pipes across the school oval at Schofields. This is part of the provision of local community infrastructure. During the excavation work, rubble from old building materials was found buried under the ground. This rubble appeared to contain asbestos, a now discredited material that was widely used as a building product up until the late 1970s. A further inspection by a specialist hygienist confirmed the presence of asbestos in the buried rubble.

The safety of our school community is always our highest priority here at St John Paul II Catholic College. Once the fill was discovered, work was stopped in the area where the material was located. The site was secured and recovered. Work will not recommence in that area, and the oval will remain off-limits to all students and staff, until any necessary remediation work has been completed. Should materials need to be removed, this will be carried out by licensed contractors outside of school hours.

Here at St John Paul II Catholic College, we will always take a cautious, safety-first approach to issues such as this. Access to the oval for students and staff will only resume once we have the necessary authorisations.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the college.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St John Paul II Catholic College.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Fanning
Principal