

Lue Public School

Works update

22 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our previous advice on 25 June (below), we can confirm that all samples from the independent hygienist's investigation have been analysed and a preliminary review of the results confirms the school continues to be safe for students and staff.

Following the sampling, the independent hygienist will prepare their findings and recommendations. We will provide another update to the school community when these recommendations are known.

A small number of samples returned levels of lead that are above permissible limits. It is important to note that these areas are inaccessible, encapsulated, or in a form which presents a low risk of exposure to lead.

While the samples were being taken, the air within the school's buildings was continuously monitored to detect airborne lead dust. We confirm that air monitoring did not detect any levels of airborne lead in any of the school's buildings.

The independent hygienist will make recommendations to the department which would be implemented, noting the areas of concern are already encapsulated or out of access to staff and students.

Please be assured that we are taking every precaution to maintain the safety of students and staff at the school. For more information please contact School Infrastructure using the details below.

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Notification previously distributed on 25 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education is aware of the current public exhibition of the State Significant Development application for the proposed open cut silver mine in Lue. We are currently preparing a submission as a nearby land owner.

The Department has engaged an independent hygienist to conduct water, dust, and soil sampling next week to identify levels of lead at Lue Public School.

The tests will involve the monitoring of air within the school buildings, the sampling of dust on surfaces above 1.8 metres (which is generally the out of reach area for cleaning staff), and the sampling of soil in play areas.

The samples will be collected by a certified independent hygienist and tested at a specialist laboratory. The hygienist will examine the results to determine if any actions are required to be undertaken by the Department.

We acknowledge that even the smallest traces of hazardous materials or substances can be an unsettling experience for our school communities. Our role is to be vigilant across all our schools and to understand how these events can affect people, while ensuring students, staff and parents have the information they need to feel safe at school.

The department is committed to ensuring the health and safety of students and staff at Lue Public School and will keep you informed of the outcome of the sampling and testing.

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