

# Gillieston Public School

Works notification | 6 April 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As advised in the works notification published on 10 February 2023, due diligence site investigations for the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School were conducted in January 2023. These investigations indicated the presence of hazardous materials in the soil and on the external wall of building D.

Soil and paint samples have been tested, confirming the presence of lead and zinc in the ground, and lead-based paint on the external wall of building D.

Work to remove the materials and remediate the site will start from Tuesday 11 April. Our aim is to remove the materials during the school holidays, weather and site conditions pending, to minimise the impact on student learning.

The area has already been cordoned off and safety measures are in place. The area will remain out of bounds to students and staff until the remediation and associated maintenance works are finished.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and a site Remediation Action Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the area is reopened to students and staff.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

