

Broken Hill Public School

Works notification | 8 September 2026

Dear parents, carers and staff

The health, safety and wellbeing of the Broken Hill Public School community remain our highest priority.

Broken Hill Public School participated in the NSW Government's [LeadSmart](#) program, led by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in partnership with NSW Health and Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation. The program provides schools and early childhood services in Broken Hill with access to lead testing and information about potential lead risks.

If you have any questions about the LeadSmart program, please contact the EPA at brokenhill.elp@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Following a review of sampling results provided by the EPA for Broken Hill Public School, the NSW Department of Education has undertaken a number of precautionary actions in response to the recommendations provided.

Soil samples taken at the school were assessed against the applicable [National Health Investigation](#) Level for primary schools and playgrounds. **None of the soil samples exceeded this level.**

There is no specific Australian guideline for lead concentrations in carpet or synthetic turf. In the absence of a specific guideline, the EPA used a precautionary reference point when assessing these materials and recommended actions for some carpet and synthetic turf.

The department has acted on these recommendations, with the following works completed or underway.

Recent works completed

- Specialist cleaning of the identified carpet areas in Building B was completed on Saturday 15 August and Monday 17 August 2026.
- Deteriorated timber benches near the girls' toilets were removed on Saturday 15 August 2026.

Synthetic turf replacement

The identified synthetic turf was unable to be satisfactorily cleaned due to its condition and, as a precaution, the department determined that it would instead be replaced. Replacement works commenced on Tuesday 25 August 2026 and are expected to be completed this week, weather permitting. The area will remain isolated while the works are undertaken.



Planned maintenance during the spring school holidays

Separately, as part of the school's planned maintenance program, the department will replace carpet in nominated rooms in Building B and install new seating benches near the girls' toilets during the spring school holidays.

If you have questions about the works being undertaken at the school, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support while this work is completed.