

Dudley Public School

Community update

27 April 2022

The Department of Education is undertaking proactive investigations at Dudley Public School regarding potential contaminants within the soil.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Update on January investigations

In January we notified you about site surveys and test pit excavations from Friday 28 January to Sunday 30 January 2022. This testing included taking samples from beneath the soil surface from different areas across the school grounds.

The hygienist provided the school with a clearance certificate to confirm the school is safe to occupy under normal conditions, with all air monitoring returning results below the detection limit.

The samples taken have been analysed and used to compile a detailed site investigation report. The Department of Education has engaged an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) accredited site auditor to review the results of the investigations and approve the remediation methodology proposed by the occupational hygienist.

Findings indicate that asbestos containing material is present below the surface in some parts of the playground area at varying depths.

As a precaution, due to potential poor weather events and subsequent soil erosion, the area has been fenced off (see map overleaf). Regular inspections of the area will be undertaken by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Remediation planning

A draft report detailing the findings of the investigations and proposed remediation methodology is now under review by the EPA accredited site auditor.

Following feedback from the EPA accredited site auditor, and the finalisation of the report, it will then be issued to the NSW EPA.

While this process is taking place, we will continue to monitor the area.

Keeping you informed

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this process. We will provide the school community with regular updates through the Principal, including any future remediation activities.

The health, safety and well-being of the school and the local community remains our highest priority.

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Map showing new temporary fencing (red) around partial playground area.

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