

Dudley Public School

Project Update | August 2023

The NSW Department of Education is undertaking remediation works at Dudley Public School following a full site investigation that was carried out by an independent hygienist and overseen by a NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) accredited site auditor in April 2022. The remediation works will be undertaken in stages, in accordance with the site-specific Remediation Action Plan (RAP) that was endorsed as final by the independent auditor in October 2022.

Progress update

Further to our update in February 2023, stage 2 works were completed during the winter holidays.

This included the installation of a layer of synthetic turf over the main playground based on the recommendations made by the independent hygienist who is inspecting the area weekly.

The synthetic turf was installed as a short-term strategy to mitigate erosion until the remediation works are finished.

The synthetic turf is being maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's cleaning and maintenance instructions.

Temporary fencing that was in place in the area was removed and the area has been cleared to be reopened.

The occupational hygienists will continue to carry out regular site inspections to ensure the conditions remain unchanged in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Next steps

We are working with the contractor to finalise the remaining detailed design and concepts are currently being costed. The design is being evaluated by School Infrastructure NSW, with the endorsement from the occupational hygienist and an external environmental auditor. Further information on the works will be provided to the school as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the school directly, or contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please be assured that the safety of all students and staff in schools is of paramount importance to the department and we will continue to provide regular updates to the school community as the planning and remediation work progresses.

Thank you for your understanding during this important work.

