

Dudley Public School

Project update

November 2022

Project overview

The Department of Education is undertaking investigations to identify any further contaminated soils at Dudley Public School.

A full site investigation was carried out by an independent hygienist and overseen by an NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) accredited site auditor in April 2022. Investigations included non-invasive site surveys and taking samples from beneath the soil surface across the school grounds.

The investigations showed some traces of contaminants in grounds, beneath the surface level. As a precautionary measure, an area of the playground remains isolated to ensure erosion does not expose any unexpected contaminants.

Progress update

Early works associated with the remediation of contaminated soils at Dudley Public School were completed during the school holidays. The work involved relocating the temporary fencing before extending the existing concrete basketball court and completing associated stormwater management works.

The additional soil testing of the school site was also completed during the school holidays. This work was needed to confirm the extent of remediation required of the site.

The Remediation Action Plan (RAP) has now been endorsed as final by the independent auditor.

This endorsement, in conjunction with the additional soil testing, has enabled us to engage a contractor to start the detailed design work for the remediation.

We are currently waiting on the detailed design and staging plan for the works. The department will be undertaking some works in the upcoming Summer holidays. Further information on the works will be provided to the school as soon as it becomes available.

In addition to the early works associated with the remediation, the temporary fence will also be relocated this week to increase the availability of play area for the school, as recommended by the occupational hygienists.

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.

Please be assured that 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.

More information

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.

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