Gresford Public School

Works notification | 1 July 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

On Tuesday 23 June 2026, a fragment of material suspected to contain asbestos was identified on the soccer field at Gresford Public School.

As a precaution, the area was temporarily isolated and an independent hygienist was engaged to collect the fragment for testing and provide advice. Testing results confirmed the material contained bonded asbestos.

Work to remove the fragment and clear the surrounding grounds took place outside of school hours on Thursday 2 July 2026.

Long-term management of asbestos in these grounds will involve removing and replacing the topsoil and laying new turf. The entire playing field has been fenced off to prevent access and ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors until this work can be done.

The winter weather is not suitable to lay new turf. We will place a 100 millimetre layer of clean turf underlay over the affected area to make it safe and prepare it for restoration. New turf will be laid in September, when the warmer weather provides the best conditions for healthy growth and establishment.

Safety measures will be in place during this work. All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Alternative play spaces near the play equipment on the east side of the school will remain open.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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