

Salt Ash Public School

School holiday works notification | 29 June 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

In March this year we advised that slightly elevated levels of PFAS were detected in two soil samples in the north east corner of the school playground at Salt Ash Public School.

We also advised that this testing is part of a regular program at Salt Ash Public School since the establishment of the Williamstown PFAS management area in 2017.

Based on recommendations from our independent contaminated land consultant and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), we will soon be carrying out further borehole testing to better understand the conditions across the school site.

This work will take place **during the July school holidays, from Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July, between the hours of approximately 8am and 5pm.**

The temporary fencing in place to restrict access to part of the playground in the north east corner of the school will be removed during the school holidays. This is as a result of advice from our independent contaminated land consultant who has confirmed that existing administrative and behavioural controls in place are suitable to prevent students from interacting with the soil.

We will continue to follow the advice of the independent contaminated land consultant and EPA on any further actions that are required.

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

We will continue to keep you updated, and any potential changes that may then be recommended as part of future risk management plans for the school site.

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

More information

- Fact sheets and resources on the PFAS Investigation Program are available on the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website [RAAF Base Williamstown PFAS contamination](#). If you have any questions about the PFAS Investigation Program, you can contact the EPA via engagement@epa.nsw.gov.au
- NSW Health information about PFAS (also known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, [PFOS and PFOA](#)).

