

Salt Ash Public School

Works notification | 6 March 2022

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Since the establishment of the Williamstown PFAS Management Area in 2017 the Department of Education has carried out regular testing of soil and water at Salt Ash Public School as part of our risk management plan for the school.

We are notifying you that the most recent test results show slightly elevated levels of PFAS in two soil samples in the north east corner of the school playground. The levels detected are marginally above threshold limits for residential land use, which includes primary schools.

Our independent contaminated land consultant recommends additional testing to help us better understand the conditions across the site.

The Department of Education has notified the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) so that we can work closely with them on next steps.

While we arrange the additional testing, we have restricted access to this part of the playground as an added precaution. The independent contaminated land consultant advises the soil does not pose a significant risk to students or staff under controls documented in the existing risk management plan for the school.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. We will keep you informed as we schedule this ongoing work, 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](#)).

