

# Salt Ash Public School

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Dear staff, parents and carers,

As you are aware, School Infrastructure NSW has been working closely with an independent contaminated land consultant and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the management of PFAS at Salt Ash Public School.

This is as a result of recent testing which has shown slightly elevated levels of PFAS in the north east area of the school, and near the covered playground and sandpit.

Based on recommendations from our independent contaminated land consultant, we will be implementing some minor additional measures to further reduce the risk to staff, students and visitors as part of the school's ongoing PFAS risk management plan.

New measures to be implemented as soon as possible include:

- Install synthetic turf to protect surface soils on surrounding school grounds from wind erosion
- Sand in the sandpit to be covered and replaced more frequently and in accordance with Kid Safe recommendations to mitigate risk of contamination
- Increased personal hygiene practices when carrying out lawn mowing, gardening and other maintenance activities on school grounds to reduce the potential spread of soil and dust.

These new measures will build on the existing behavioural and administrative measures already in place to prevent students interacting with the soil.

The entire updated risk management plan can be accessed by contacting the school.

We will continue to keep you up to date as we follow the advice of the independent contaminated land consultant and the EPA on any further actions that are required.

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

If you have any questions, please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482651 or email [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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 Williamtown PFAS contamination. If you have any questions about the PFAS Investigation Program, you can contact the EPA via [engagement@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engagement@epa.nsw.gov.au)
- NSW Health information about PFAS (also known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, PFOS and PFOA).

