

Salt Ash Public School

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Dear staff and parents/carers,

As we advised on 29 June, further PFAS testing was conducted in July at Salt Ash Public School to better understand conditions across the site.

This testing was conducted based on recommendations from an independent contaminated land consultant and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Results from this testing again show slightly elevated levels of PFAS in the northeast area of the school playground as we communicated in March. Testing also detected slightly elevated levels of PFAS near the covered playground and sandpit. The levels detected in all of these areas are marginally above threshold limits for residential land use, which includes primary schools.

The independent contaminated land consultant has advised that existing behavioural and administrative measures in place, which include regular supervision of playground activities, remain suitable to prevent students interacting with the soil in these areas.

These measures will remain in place while the independent land consultant completes their assessment and advises if any further actions 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 Williamtown 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](#)).

