Lugarno Public School Works notification | 6 August 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers, and neighbours,

Further to our <u>community update issued on 13 June 2025</u>, we would like to update you on the remediation work planned to address inground asbestos in the southwestern playground area near Building H and the basketball court at Lugarno Public School.

As part of the school's Remediation Action Plan (RAP) we will be removing the existing single basketball court and replacing it with a new multi sports court. This will provide additional sports and play areas for the school community.

Temporary fencing and mesh hoarding will remain in place to isolate the construction zone while work is underway. After the soil has been remediated, landscaping and the replacement sports court construction will continue. All outdoor areas are due to be finished and reopened by early 2026.

Remediation schedule and work hours

The RAP has been developed by an independent hygienist to return the areas to unrestricted access and usability. Part of the RAP involves the excavation and disposal of soil containing bonded asbestos fragments.

Work to remove and safely dispose of the contaminated soil will be done during the Spring School Holidays starting **Monday 29 September 2025 until Saturday 11 October 2025**.

An independent hygienist will test and clear each area before being backfilled with clean soil.

As part of the RAP some areas will be encapsulated by installing a permanent barrier provided by the sports court surface. A qualified arborist will also be engaged as there may be a requirement to remove some trees to allow the works to occur.

Work hours will be between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday, in line with NSW Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

Safety measures including air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment 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.

All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist.

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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