

Argenton Public School

Works notification | 27 October 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

Since our [4 September 2025 works notification](#), we are working on the next phase of how we manage lead at Argenton Public School.

The North Lake Macquarie area is known to have experienced elevated levels of lead in the soil and dust due to the Pasminco lead smelter and the historical use of fill material.

Recent updates

In Term 3, we inspected the school as we normally would and there were no grounds maintenance requirements identified.

We are working closely with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the state's independent environmental regulator.

The back playing field remains isolated with a locked fence. There are other open play spaces available for students to use.

Next steps

In collaboration with independent experts, we will be developing a Remediation Action Plan (RAP) for lead management at this school.

While the RAP is being developed, we will continue to work with independent experts to manage the site according to the school's environmental and risk management plans.

We are also planning the work we will do in the summer holidays, including steam cleaning carpets and enhanced cleaning of internal areas.

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

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us on the details below.

More information

- For information on lead in North Lake Macquarie, see the [Hunter New England Local Health District's webpage](#).
- For information on environmental and health impacts of lead, see the [webpage from the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, the Environment and Water](#).



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