

Umina Beach Public School

Community update | 20 March 2024

Dear parents, carers and staff,

This is an update on the work to date to manage known asbestos in the ground at Umina Beach Public School through the school's site-specific asbestos management plan.

All previously fenced off outdoor areas are back in use by the school

As advised in (Work Notification – 7 December 2023), over the school holiday period extra geofabric was applied to the fenced off areas of the northern and southern ovals under the advice of the independent hygienist. These areas also had new topsoil and turf installed over the top of this geofabric.

We also applied fresh mulch to garden beds and new grass to the northern oval, as well as installing areas with concrete, synthetic grass, fresh mulch, and new grass to the southern oval. The sandpit was also replaced with fresh sand.

These areas were cleared by the independent hygienist to be reopened for use for Term 1 2024 and temporary fencing was removed.

All work has been done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Ongoing management

The site-specific asbestos management plan has been updated. We will continue to regularly inspect and maintain the grounds as per the protocols within this plan, to ensure play spaces at Umina Beach Public School areas remain open and suitable for use.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

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

