

Cringila Public School

Project update | March 2025

Image: Outdoor creative play space at Cringila PS



Project overview

Remediation work is planned at Cringila Public School to address historic below-ground issues associated with [coal wash materials](#).

Throughout Term 2 and Term 3 2025, the Department of Education will be working closely with contractors and consultants to deliver this project, in accordance with environmental standards and guidelines.

When work is complete, the school community will benefit from improved site access and usability, including the creation of a new sports field.

Work will include:

- earthworks and vegetation clearing
- new fencing along the northern boundary, adjacent to Lackawanna Street
- capping the ground with a bentonite blanket, laying of topsoil and turf
- installation of a gabion retaining wall and swale drain
- establishing a new sporting area.

Background

A 'hotspot' was detected in the north-western grasses area of Cringila Public School in 2017, due to the combustion of underground coal wash materials. Following extensive expert consultation, an independent environmental consultant developed a Remediation Action Plan (RAP).

Initial remediation measures were completed in 2021, including underground water injection and the installation of temperature monitoring points. Ongoing and regular monitoring has shown consistently stable air quality and temperature conditions.

The RAP was reviewed and an addendum with revised designs and management plans was finalised in September 2024.

Additional information is available on our website: [Cringila Public School underground hotspot](#)



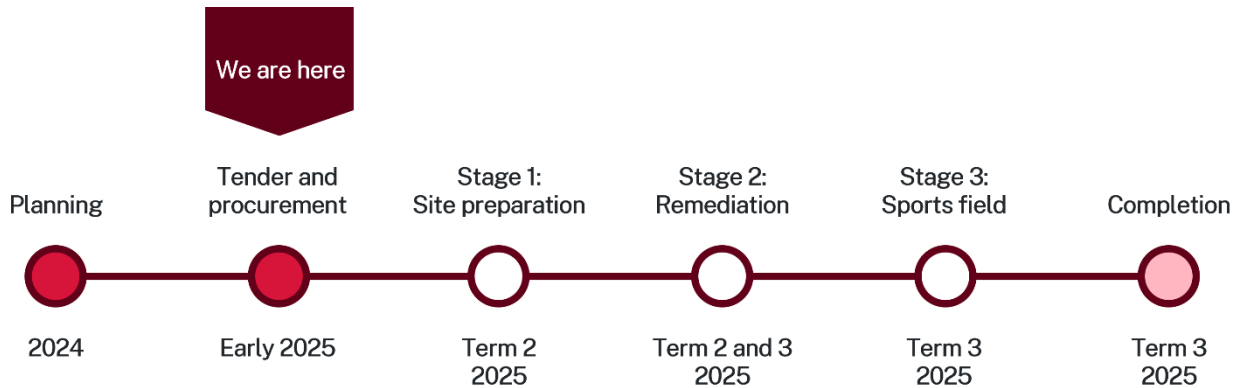
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Progress update

A tender process is expected to be finalised by the end of Term 1 2025.

The successful candidate will coordinate and undertake the works as outlined in the Remediation Action Plan (RAP) addendum.

Timeline



Safety measures

Safety is our priority. We will consistently monitor air quality, surface and underground temperatures to ensure the area continues to meet strict standards, so that the school is safe to continue with its normal operations.

Remediation work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and closely monitored by an independent environmental consultant.

The area will remain fenced with no access for students, staff or community visitors until the remediation works are complete.

Frequently asked questions

More information, including frequently asked questions, is [available on our website](#).

We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the department during business hours on 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au.

Translation is available by calling 1300 482 651

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