

Glendale East Public School

School holiday works notification | Autumn 2026

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

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

As outlined in [November 2025](#), a detailed site assessment was conducted by an independent environmental specialist at Glendale East Public School. This notification is to update you on that assessment, the current measures in place and landscaping work planned for the upcoming autumn holiday period.

The site assessment identified residual lead-containing material and in-ground asbestos in the soil. The recommended interim measure to manage these areas is to ensure adequate ground coverage is applied to secure the soil.

The department is working closely with the independent environmental specialist to develop an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which will outline the recommended steps for securing soil in the affected locations. The school grounds will be managed in line with the EMP, and we are working closely with school leadership on the maintenance of the grounds.

Planned work over the autumn holidays

During the upcoming autumn holiday period and during the first 3 weekends of Term 2 2026, grounds maintenance will be conducted in affected outdoor areas to secure the soil. The grounds will not be disturbed during this work.

Landscaping will include:

- applying mulch and topsoil
- establishing new garden beds
- capping soil and concreting.

The Out of School Hours (OOSH) and vacation care service that runs from Building G will operate as usual during the autumn school holidays.

Current safety measures

Safety measures during the works will include temporary fencing, air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment.

Work will be supervised by the environmental specialist with dust mitigation and air monitoring in place. The school's asset management team regularly inspects the site to confirm ongoing management activities remain effective while working with independent experts.

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



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More information

For information on lead in the region, see the [Hunter New England Local Health District's webpage](#).

For information on environmental and health impacts of lead, see the [Australian Government Department of Climate Change, the Environment and Water](#) webpage.

What makes Glendale East Public School special?

Glendale East Public School has a strong focus on student wellbeing, belonging, and personalised learning within a warm, inclusive community, serving roughly 250 students in northern Lake Macquarie. It is known for evidence-based teaching and visible learning, along with high-potential programs and a strong emphasis on nurturing individual student growth.