

# Glendale East Public School

## Works notification | 6 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

During a routine inspection of Glendale East Public School grounds in March 2025, an area was identified as potentially containing residual lead material, known as black slag.

This area, which is not used as a playground or walkway, is located at the northern end of the school, near the library.

As a precaution, temporary fencing was installed to isolate and secure the area, and the soil was tested by an independent environmental specialist. Testing confirmed traces of residual lead in the soil of this area.

The temporary fencing will remain in place until landscaping work can be completed later this term. Remediation of black slag usually involves securing the soil and maintaining adequate ground cover. The department is working with the independent environmental specialist on managing any ongoing requirements for the school, including landscaping maintenance work, securing ground cover and any required future remediation of the soil.

Grounds and landscaping maintenance will be scheduled for later this term to ensure the soil across the affected area is adequately secured. This work will include:

- supply and installing fresh topsoil and natural turf to areas where bare soil is visible
- ongoing maintenance of the grass cover as required.

This temporary fencing and landscaping work will not affect play space or prevent access to any school buildings.

Detailed site investigations will be conducted, and we will continue to work with the environmental specialists to manage the site.

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

### More information

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

For more information about managing lead in the Lake Macquarie region please visit [the EPA website](#).

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



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