

Glendale East Public School

Works notification | 14 November 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities. We take a thorough and transparent approach to managing materials in schools and wish to advise you of proactive precautions at Glendale East Public School.

Recent testing

Fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos were found in the centre of the school, west of the play equipment, next to the concrete pathway.

The area was immediately made out of bounds with temporary fencing. An independent hygienist was engaged to remove all visible fragments, test a sample and undertake air monitoring.

Test results confirmed that the fragments contain bonded asbestos.

NSW Health explains that “living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged”.

The independent hygienist will inspect the school again on Saturday 15 November, when no students are onsite, to confirm the area is clear of fragments. Safety measures including temporary fencing and air monitoring will be in place while work is being done.

The hygienist will issue a clearance certificate when work is done, after which the temporary fencing will be removed.

The area where the fragments were found is not identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP). The plan will be updated to include this recent find as required.

Site assessment

In relation to the full site investigation that we notified about on [4 August](#), this was finished in the spring holidays. We are doing some more sampling and testing, and then we await the report from the independent hygienist.

Carpet replacement

As part of planned maintenance, we are replacing carpets in the:

- two largest rooms in Building C outside of school hours, from 5 to 7 December
- two largest rooms in Building D on Saturday 6 December.

The vinyl tiling underneath the carpet in the 2 Building D rooms are known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the SAMP. These vinyl tiles will also be removed on Saturday 6 December.



All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists, who will provide clearance before the rooms are reopened for use.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

Managing materials

The presence of materials such as lead and asbestos or the potential exposure to such materials or substances can be an unsettling experience for students, staff and the wider community.

When hazardous material is identified at a school, an independent hygienist is engaged to sample and test the material if required, and to risk assess the item and determine which safety measures are needed.

Sometimes remediation or removal is required. In these cases a licensed, approved contractor is appointed for the work.

For more information on how we manage materials in schools, please visit the [School Infrastructure website](#).

Did you know?

Glendale East Public School provides students with a small, friendly, 'country' environment in the suburbs of Lake Macquarie with 16 acres of beautiful gardens and playing areas. Through our yearly school evaluations our parents have strongly expressed that the best things about Glendale East are the caring and professional attitude of our staff and the positive ethos of our school for students to achieve their very best. Over the past 10 years our school has been recognised as a leader in a number of educational areas – through awards and in being sought to share our journey and programs on a national, interstate, state and regional level.