

Belair Public School

Community update | 24 October 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

This is an update to let you know that we are continuing to manage in-ground asbestos at Belair Public School.

In addition to this, the planning of the new playground is progressing. We have engaged a design consultant and landscape designer, who are working closely with the independent hygienist on the next stages of landscaping work on the playground.

We are currently working with landscapers to support the next stages of the Remediation Action Plan (RAP). Outdoor areas that continue to be fenced off will be addressed in this next stage of landscaping work. This planned remediation work is currently at the tender stage and more information including timelines will be provided as they become available.

Recently completed works

Following on from our last update on [21 June 2024](#), general landscaping construction work was completed within sections of the fenced area and did not affect the vacation care program or regular school operations. These areas have been reopened for use.

Planned work starting in the Summer School Holiday

To prevent any disruption to learning, the next stage of work involving hazardous materials will start in the upcoming Summer School Holidays. Landscaping and construction work will also be conducted and will continue into Term 1, 2025.

Works will include:

- removal of the old cricket pitch, old play equipment, arborist identified trees requiring removal, concrete footpath, and a concrete wall
- soil excavation and encapsulation of the areas currently covered with geo fabric, including installation of turf, fresh soil, fresh mulch, and Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), retaining walls, garden beds and a concrete area which will double as a basketball court.
- installation of new storm water and drainage to be incorporated into the existing stormwater system
- landscaping of rock and timber areas, including laying new turf
- playground installation including soft fall flooring, 2 slides and a climbing rope



- reinstatement and cleanup of affected areas within the school and surrounding areas following construction work.

Inspection and clearance will be provided by independent hygienist after all remediation work is completed.

Please find the map outlined below.



Due to the proximity of work to the vacation care building, an alternative venue at a location off site will be arranged for the Summer School Holiday period (2024-25). Further details will be provided to the community regarding the alternative venue for the vacation care program once these details are available.

A section of the area which was previously remediated and reopened Term 2 2024 (highlighted with green stripes in the map provided above) will need to be fenced off again in December 2024 and during Term 1 2025 for contractor access.

We will continue to keep the school community updated on the progress of this work including the re-opening of these playground areas as this information becomes available.

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

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.