

Belair Public School

Project update | June 2025

Image caption: example of an outdoor basketball court



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Project overview

Following on from our update in [February 2025](#), we are continuing to manage in-ground asbestos so we can begin construction of the new playground at Belair Public School.

The design phase resulted in a change to the structural design component for the basketball court, which took longer than expected. Works for the basketball court have now restarted. The grassed areas currently fenced off for contractor access are due to be reopened when the basketball court is finished.

Progress summary

Recent weekend work has included the removal and disposal of asbestos-containing soil. This work included remediation in the fenced off area. These excavation works were done outside of school hours during the first half of 2025 with air monitoring in place.

Works completed to date are:

- the excavation and disposal of soil containing bonded asbestos fragments
- installation of turf, fresh soil and fresh mulch
- 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.

Safety measures including signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment have been and will continue to be in place during this work. All work will and has been done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will and has been completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by an independent hygienist who will provide clearance to continue using the areas.

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



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Next steps

The new playground is due to be finished around August 2025, with the following remaining landscaping and construction work:

- new retaining walls, garden beds and concrete area which will double as the basketball court
- reinstatement and cleanup of affected areas within the school and surrounding areas after construction.

Work is scheduled Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm and on Saturdays 8 am to 1 pm. No work is permitted on Sundays. As a precaution the construction zone will remain isolated from students and staff.

The construction zone is outlined in the map below.



We will continue to keep the school community updated on the progress of this work including the reopening of these playground areas.

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More information

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact the NSW Department of Education during business hours on the contact details below.