

# Glenvale School North Entrance Campus

## Works notification | 25 October 2024

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

On 22 October 2024, a fragment of suspected bonded asbestos-containing material was found on the ground in a grassed area north of the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) at Glenvale School, North Entrance Campus. Following the find, the area was fenced off and isolated from students and staff.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged, and the fragments were removed for testing. Testing confirmed the fragment contained bonded asbestos which means it was attached to other materials such as tiles or cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. NSW Health explains that if bonded asbestos is mixed with cement or other hard bonding materials, and in good condition, it is likely to be low-risk.

The school has a site-specific asbestos management plan for known asbestos in-ground. The fragment was found in an area already listed on this plan and the school's asbestos register will be updated to include this find. This area will remain fenced off until remediation works can be completed in the upcoming school holiday period.

### **Update on remediation plans and development application**

Following on from the notification issued in [June 2024](#), we can confirm that Central Coast Council has approved the development application (DA) to carry out the work to support the finalisation of the Remediation Action Plan (RAP).

Information about the application (DA/158/2024) is available on the central coast council [website](#).

### **Planned work over the Summer School Holidays**

To minimise any potential disruption to student learning, landscaping and remediation work will be undertaken during the 2024-25 Summer School Holiday, between Monday 23 December to Thursday 30 January 2025.

These landscaping and construction works will support the RAP and are due to be completed by the end of the holiday period. The section being remediated is in the playground area north of the COLA.

Following the remediation work, the playground area will be inspected by the independent hygienist and clearance provided to ensure the playground can be reopened for use Day 1, Term 1 2025.

This planned work will include:

- soil excavation and disposal of contaminated soil off site.
- encapsulating the ground with new synthetic turf.



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.