

# Glenvale School North Entrance Campus

Works notification | 8 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Three fragments suspected to contain asbestos were found in the playground area next to the sports court at Glenvale School North Entrance Campus on May 31.

As a precaution, the entire playground area, which was encapsulated with artificial turf in 2021, was immediately cordoned off and the fragments were bagged.

An independent hygienist was engaged to inspect the site, conduct testing to confirm the nature of the material, and install air monitoring as an added precaution. Testing confirms the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

All air monitoring conducted to date continues to return results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01fibres/mL).

## Previous remediation work

In June 2021 a Remediation Action Plan (RAP) was developed for Glenvale School North Entrance Campus after the discovery of asbestos containing fragments in the same playground area.

Extensive remediation works took place during 2021 and early 2022. The Department of Education lodged a development application (DA) with Central Coast Council to carry out the works. The DA was needed because of the contaminated soils at the school and the school's proximity to the coast.

The works included encapsulating the playground area with artificial turf, expanding the playground so more students could use it.

Following the completion of the works, testing was done to ensure the area has been fully remediated and the school received a clearance certificate.

## Next steps

The playground area will remain isolated while the independent hygienist reviews previous works that took place in the area based on the previous Remediation Action Plan (RAP) and provides recommendations.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding and we welcome any enquiries regarding this work at Glenvale School.

