

Rozelle Public School

Works notification | 7 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We wish to provide you with an update about continuing works at Rozelle Public School.

In-ground investigations and testing

Further to our works notification issued on [20 September 2024](#), we are continuing to manage known asbestos in-ground at Rozelle Public School. We are currently working with an independent hygienist to develop a Remediation Action Plan (RAP).

As part of our ongoing monitoring, an environmental soil assessment was conducted by an independent hygienist on Saturday 31 August 2024 to identify the location and extent of any sub-surface contamination. As a precautionary measure, the area remained restricted until the results of the environmental soil assessment were received.

The work involved borehole testing in approximately 30 sample sites around the grounds of the school. The boreholes were dug up to 1.5 metres in depth, had samples taken from them, then refilled and covered.

On Tuesday 8 October 2024 we received the results from the environmental soil assessment. As well as the known asbestos, testing returned positive results for lead in the playground on the corner of the Merton Street carpark. This area was already cordoned off. Temporary fencing has now been erected and the restricted area may be expanded in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist.

While we are waiting for the RAP to be finalised, air monitoring continues to be regularly conducted and results continue to be below the minimum detectable limit. This means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air as per SafeWork NSW guidelines.

We will continue to work with the environmental specialists and school leadership on ongoing monitoring and management.

The school is continuing current arrangements to ensure ample alternative play spaces are available for students.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

We will keep the community updated and provide more information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact us on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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