

# Warialda High School

## Works notification | 12 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are providing you an update on the bore water testing that was completed by an independent hygienist at Warialda High School on [Thursday 1 May 2025](#).

As we notified the community on 2 May 2025, bores were tested to detect PFAS (per-and-poly-fluoroalkyl substances) in bore water used for irrigation in the school's agricultural plot and farm. The bores were restricted while testing was underway. Samples were taken from the bore on the sports oval and in the agricultural plot.

Test results from the sports oval returned negative results for PFAS and can continue to be used for irrigation purposes.

Test results from the bore in the agricultural plot detected PFAS. The bore pump is currently out of service due to a mechanical issue, which is currently being addressed, however will remain off until such time as a satisfactory water result has been obtained.

The department is working closely with the NSW Environment Protection Authority and NSW Health to plan for the remediation of the agricultural plot bore.

The school's drinking and handwashing facilities are connected to town water and this water can continue to be used.

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

More information on PFAS is available through the NSW Government PFAS webpage. The EPA will also host a local drop-in session for those who have questions or concerns. Details below.

**Date:** Tuesday 13 May

**Time:** 10 am-12 pm

**Location:** The Warialda Council Chambers, 54 Hope Street, Warialda.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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