

Bingara Central School

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Dear staff and parents/carers,

Drinking water quality testing was recently conducted at Bingara Central School as part of planned maintenance.

Findings have detected some lead slightly above acceptable levels from the bubblers on the north west side of Block A, as well as an external tap on the south west side of Block A.

Precautionary safety measures have been put in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. This includes restricting access to the bubblers and tap and the installation of signage to warn users not to drink the water.

As there has been no lead detected elsewhere, drinking water can continue to be available for use from the school's remaining usage points. This is in line with the independent occupational hygienist advice. Bottled water will be supplied as an alternative for staff and students.

Testing also shows a slight discolouration in the samples collected from the bubblers on the north east side of Block A. While the samples taken still met the necessary health requirements as per the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, access to these bubblers will be restricted until the issue has been resolved.

School Infrastructure NSW will now work with the independent occupational hygienist and the school to undertake any remediation work required. All work will be carried out by qualified contractors and School Infrastructure NSW will undertake additional testing at the school following the work to ensure the water is safe for use.

The health and safety of students and staff is the priority for the school and the NSW Department of Education. Department staff will continue working closely with NSW Health and the school leadership, to keep you updated on this matter.

If you have any questions please contact School Infrastructure NSW on 1300 482 651 or email schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

