

Cawdor Public School

Works notification | 24 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

On 6 March School Infrastructure NSW advised you that water quality testing detected some bacteria in samples collected from one of the school's water tanks.

The affected tank has now been thoroughly cleaned and the school's water tested again.

Samples from this second round of testing have again detected bacteria in the same water tank. Access to this affected tank and outlet will continue to be restricted as a precautionary measure.

Testing also detected some lead slightly above acceptable levels from the bubblers in Block B. The bubblers have now been isolated and signage installed to ensure they are not accessible to students, staff, or the local community.

In line with the independent occupational hygienist advice, drinking water can continue to be safely accessed from the school's remaining water tanks, taps and bubblers. School Infrastructure NSW has supplied the school with bottled water as an alternative for staff and students.

A hand wash facility with clean water has also been provided as an interim measure for Block B.

Further investigation is required to determine the cause of the test results which could include environmental factors. The independent occupational hygienist will provide further recommendations to School Infrastructure NSW for any remediation works that may be required.

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Department staff will continue working closely with the school and NSW Health 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

