Eltham Public School
Works notification | 16 October 2026

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

We wrote to you on Monday 21 September 2026 about drinking water quality testing at Eltham Public School.

The advice shared in that notification identified the presence of E. coli in the external bubblers in buildings B and H, however this information was incorrect. The contaminant identified in these locations is copper, not E. coli.

We want to assure you that the bubblers were not reopened at any time since our last notification. As a safety precaution, access continues to be restricted and signs remain in place to remind students and staff not to use these outlets.

We will notify you once the necessary works have been done and testing by an independent hygienist confirms the water meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.

Notification issued 21 September 2026

Dear staff, parents, and carers,

As part of scheduled maintenance, we recently completed drinking water quality testing at Eltham Public School.

This test is conducted twice a year by an independent hygienist as a precautionary measure at schools that use potable tank water.

Water quality test result

The routine test was completed on Wednesday 9 September 2026. The results, received on Thursday 17 September 2026, identified the presence of E. coli in the following locations:

- external bubblers in Building H
- external bubblers in Building B.

As a safety precaution, access to the affected bubblers and tap have been restricted. Signage is in place to remind students and staff not to use these outlets. We are coordinating with your school to see if bottled water and hand sanitisers are required for students and staff.

At this time, no other drinking water outlets have been identified as affected.

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Necessary works

Licensed and qualified contractors have been requested to attend site as a priority to carry out any necessary works. Once completed, follow-up water testing will be done by our independent hygienist to ensure the water is safe and meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

More information

The health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school and local community remain our highest priorities. If you have any health concerns, please consult a healthcare professional or contact your local NSW Health Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

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