Glenquarry 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 the water tank and some water usage points throughout the school.

Remediation work has since been undertaken which included a thorough cleaning of the tank, filter replacement and flushing of the water lines and pipes.

The school's water has since been tested again and while no bacteria has been detected, samples taken from the tank indicate some lead and copper which is slightly above acceptable levels. The samples taken from the bubblers east of block C, have also identified some lead slightly above acceptable levels.

In line with the independent occupational hygienist advice, precautionary safety measures will remain in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff, or the local community. This includes restricting access to the affected tank and outlets, and signage warning users not to the drink the water. The school was already using bottled water prior to testing and these arrangements will remain in place.

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.

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