

Main Arm Upper Public School

School holiday works notification – Autumn | 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Drinking water quality testing was recently conducted at Main Arm Upper Public School as part of our routine water testing program.

The results of this testing found the following:

- traces of bacteria were detected in samples collected from
 - Tanks 1 and 2 located south of Building A
 - the tap in the Canteen sink
- traces of copper were detected in samples collected from
 - the chiller bubbler in Building F
 - the tap in the Canteen sink
 - the bubblers in Building A
 - the taps in the sick bay and staff kitchen in Building D
 - the taps in the 2 demountable buildings
- traces of lead were detected in samples collected from outlets in Tank 1 located south of Building A on the left.

Access has been restricted and signage has been installed to remind students and staff not to use the affected outlets.

The school has been provided with bottled drinking water and hand sanitiser to temporarily replace handwashing.

We are working with an independent hygienist to undertake the required remediation work.

Work started on Monday 14 April and is expected to be finished by Saturday 10 May 2025. Work is being carried out by qualified and licenced contractors.

When work is complete, the independent hygienist will re-test the outlets to ensure the water meets the requirements of the [Australian Drinking Water Guidelines](#).

The health, safety and wellbeing of the school and the local community are our highest priorities.

Please see a healthcare professional if you have any concerns, or contact [your local NSW Health Public Health Unit](#) for advice on 1300 066 055.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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