

Casula Public School

Works notification | 27 May 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are planning to extend the eastern staff carpark on De Meyrick Avenue, near Building 18 at Casula Public School. This upgrade will provide up to 20 new parking spaces for staff and community users.

During preliminary site investigation for this work, we found fragments of material suspected to contain asbestos in the ground next to Building 18 on Thursday 17 April 2025. We immediately engaged an independent hygienist for testing and advice. The area is not listed on the school's Site-Specific Asbestos Management (SSAMP) but it will be updated to include this find.

Temporary construction fencing was already installed around the construction site and will remain in place until all works are completed.

Test results confirmed the fragments contained bonded asbestos. NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged". As a precaution the hygienist recommended to remove and safely dispose of a layer of top soil, and encapsulate the area with geo fabric before construction on the carpark begins.

Between Saturday 7 June and Sunday 29 June 2025, licensed contractors will remove the soil and encapsulate the grounds in accordance with SafeWork NSW requirements. All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures including air monitoring, signage and workers wearing personal protective equipment will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

Once the area is remediated, an independent hygienist will inspect the area and issue a clearance certificate for construction works to continue.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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