

Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School

Works notification | 19 March 2025

Dear staff, parents, carers and pool users,

Following on from our notification on 10 March, we are pleased to advise that the Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School's swimming pool can be reopened. Testing results were negative for legionella.

As an additional proactive safety measure, we will be conducting weekly water shock treatments, which involves adding a high concentration of chlorine to the water to rapidly kill bacteria and other contaminants.

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Dear staff, parents, carers and pool users,

As part of our monthly testing routine taken on 28 February, traces of legionella bacteria were identified at Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School's swimming pool. We have since closed the facility until further remediation works are completed.

We have engaged a pool care specialist and independent monitoring consultant to advise how to proceed. Based on their recommendations we will complete a water shock treatment on Tuesday 11 March. The treatment involves adding a high concentration of chlorine to the water to rapidly kill bacteria and other contaminants.

Following the shock treatment, the consultants will take samples from the pool and undertake lab culture tests to ensure the pool returns a negative contamination result.

We expect to receive the results from the testing approximately 10 days after the sample is collected.

Once we receive satisfactory test results, the swimming pool will be reopened for use.

If you have any health concerns, please consult your doctor.

We are looking into additional proactive methods into the pool maintenance schedule to avoid future contamination.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

We will keep the community updated. If you have further questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education on the details below.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

