

Casino High School

Works notification | 7 May 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

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

On Monday 4 May 2026, a fire caused damage to Building M, which is used for Music subjects at Casino High School. The fire has affected Music spaces R0008, R0011 and R0012 and the school was made temporarily non-operational on Monday 4 May 2026 for the safety of students and staff.

The cause of the fire is still to be confirmed and investigations by local authorities are ongoing. The NSW Department of Education is supporting these investigations as required.

The department worked closely with the principal and followed expert advice to ensure the school was safe for students and staff when classes resumed on Tuesday 5 May 2026.

Disruption to learning and teaching is being kept to a minimum as the school is repurposing spare teaching spaces to temporarily accommodate affected classes. The department is working with suppliers to replace the school's music resources as soon as possible.

Work on Building M

An exclusion zone was set up to isolate the affected building with temporary fencing installed to restrict access to students, staff and school visitors. Power to the building was disconnected whilst the remainder of the school remains electrically operational. As a precaution, an independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing and install air monitoring.

Material in the eaves and in R0004's electrical distribution board in Building M are known to have bonded asbestos-containing material (ACM) as listed on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP). The independent hygienist has confirmed that these areas were not affected by the fire and remain in good condition.

Air monitoring to date across the site has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

More information

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

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



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