

J J Cahill Memorial High School

Works notification | 25 February 2026

Dear staff, parents, carers and neighbours,

We are pleased to advise that high potential and gifted education (HPGE) upgrades are continuing at J J Cahill Memorial High School.

Under the HPGE program, 33 high schools including J J Cahill Memorial High School will receive facility upgrades to accommodate increased enrolments, broaden educational opportunities and facilitate the delivery of tailored HPGE offerings.

Upgrade to food technology kitchen

Following the project update issued December 2025, as part of the HPGE program, various facilities at J J Cahill Memorial High School are currently being upgraded.

As part of these works, material suspected to contain asbestos was discovered by workers in the ceiling of in the food technology kitchen within Building D. Work was stopped and the area was isolated. The area was already inaccessible to students and staff. This room was not identified on the School Asbestos Management Plan (SAMP).

An independent hygienist was engaged to test the material. Test results confirmed the material as 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”.

All asbestos-containing material will be removed outside of school hours with access securely restricted, on Saturday 28 February and Sunday 1 March 2026 between 7 am and 4 pm.

An independent hygienist will oversee the work and conduct air monitoring. A clearance certificate will be provided before construction restarts.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws as well as the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors.

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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