

J J Cahill Memorial High School

Works notification | 9 May 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are removing some geological rock samples stored in cabinets from the science labs in Building B at J J Cahill Memorial High School.

The science labs and a prep room have been used as storerooms for over 15 years. They are now being refurbished as part of the [High Potential and Gifted Education upgrade](#) at the school.

The rock samples are not listed on the school's asbestos register but are suspected to contain bonded asbestos. They have not been used for teaching for some time.

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'.

Access to the science labs and prep room has been restricted with the science lab doors locked in preparation for the refurbishment.

The rock samples will be removed by licensed contractors under the supervision of an independent hygienist between the hours of 7 am and 9 am on Saturday 10 May.

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 will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and inspected by independent hygienists.

Once the rock samples have been removed, the independent hygienist will issue a clearance certificate and preparations for the refurbishment will 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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