

Castle Hill High School

Community update

10 October 2022

Dear school community,

Recent weather events have impacted some spaces at Castle Hill High school.

Tree fall damage to multiple demountable buildings

On Saturday 8 October 2022 a very large mature gumtree fell, causing significant structural damage to 3 demountable buildings being used as learning spaces, and impacting a fourth demountable building and two nearby trees.

The State Emergency Services attended the site on Sunday 9 October to make the area safe. Contractors and arborists have been onsite since early Monday 10 October to conduct the tree removal. Given the size of the tree it is expected tree removal works will continue for a couple of days.

The whole area surrounding and including the 4 demountable buildings has been cordoned off and cannot be accessed by students or staff.

Given the structural damage to 3 demountables, they will be removed from site at a later date and replaced. A structural engineer will provide advice on whether the fourth demountable requires removal or remediation.

An external roof eave sheet with suspected asbestos containing material was isolated and will be removed outside of school hours on 11 October 2022, under controlled conditions by a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

School hall (Block H) roof repairs: HSC exams

There have been ongoing works to the school hall from previous insurance claims, and the roof is now re-leaking.

While contractors are onsite to continue works including assessing the roof for a remediation strategy, the hall cannot be used.

In collaboration with school leadership and HSC moderators, the decision has therefore been made to relocate HSC exams to the Castle Hill RSL Club on Wednesday 12 October and Thursday 13 October 2022. Supporting students doing their HSC exams is our priority.

We will provide an update on remediation works and any arrangements that may be required for next week's exams.

Library (Block LL) roof repairs

The school library (mezzanine level and first floor) is currently out of bounds. As with the hall roof, works to remediate the damage in the roof and ceiling caused by previous storms could not be completed during the school holidays due to weather. These works are expected to be completed over the next week or so, weather depending.

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Supporting our community

Our priority is always to ensure that students can continue to receive face to face learning in a safe and comfortable environment. We will continue to work closely with school leadership to make necessary adjustments to teaching and learning. Ms Georgina Fleming, Principal, Castle Hill High School, will provide further information about teaching and learning arrangements.

The health, safety, and well-being of the students and staff and the local community is our highest priority and we will continue to keep the community updated.

Thank you for your understanding.

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