

Castle Hill High School

Works notification | 12 November 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

In a [works notification issued on 13 September 2024](#), we advised that we would be working to remediate a leak in the water mains at Castle Hill High School over the Spring School Holidays. Investigations at the time identified repairs needed to an underground valve.

Plumbers attended the school site on the weekend of Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November and fixed the broken valve, which we believe was leading to the water runoff on Castle Street. That area is now dry and open for use.

Asbestos resurvey

During the school holidays, we also conducted a routine inspection at Castle Hill High School as part of a state-wide asbestos resurvey program.

An independent hygienist was engaged to conduct testing, install air monitoring and provide advice during the school holiday period to minimise disruption to learning.

Testing of materials in buildings A, C, D, E and the library, listed as assumed on the asbestos register, confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos. This means they are attached to other materials, such as tiles or cement, and cannot be crumbled by light pressure. 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”.

These areas have been, and continue to be, inaccessible to students and staff. Permanent remediation has been planned for the Summer School Holiday period.

The school’s asbestos register has been updated to reflect the latest information.

All work was done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education’s Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures were in place while work was being done. All work was completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

During this work, 2 additional areas in buildings C and D were identified to be tested. This will take place on the weekend of Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November.

We will keep the community updated.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

