

Castle Hill High School

Works notification

12 December 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Additional precautionary inspection and air monitoring installed

Last week we informed you that asbestos containing material was identified in a science storeroom following works completed within that isolated room.

School Infrastructure NSW engaged a hygienist who advised to install air monitoring in the storeroom and in nearby areas. The air monitoring has returned results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01 fibres/ml). The results indicate that the building is safe for normal use.

As an added precaution and to provide some reassurance for our staff and students, the hygienist will undertake a full inspection of the building. Air monitoring has also been installed in the library, which is in the same building as the science storeroom but on another level. We will notify the community once results are available.

Please note, air monitoring continues to be in place across the school, which returns results below the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01 fibres/ml).

Works taking place during the school holidays

As with many NSW schools, planned maintenance will take place during the upcoming summer school holidays. Some preparation works may start this weekend.

Works will include re-surfacing the Basketball Court, minor works in the Metalwork room, and replacing the ceiling inside H block.

Works to some demountable buildings will also take place. We expect some of this to involve asbestos containing material. Work includes:

- replacing three damaged demountable classrooms with new buildings in the same location
- electrical work to demountables, that will require trenching.
- completion of the Science Lab works.

Potential works depending on availability and timing may include upgrading the school's electrical switchboards and installing new smartboards, which the school has bought.

Please be assured that work involving asbestos containing material will have safety measures and monitoring in place. Testing will also be completed including air monitoring for the specific works. A clearance certificate is issued before the area can be reopened for normal use.

Thank you for your understanding.

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What can you do if you are concerned about exposure?

Concerned individuals can record their details on the National Asbestos Exposure Register. The register is managed by the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, which was created so that members of the community who think that they may have been exposed to asbestos can record the details of their exposure for their future reference. There is no minimum level of exposure required to add your details to the register.

If you have any questions regarding the register or would like to speak to someone at the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, please call 1300 326 148.

Advice concerning the health risks of asbestos can also be obtained from your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

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