

Castle Hill High School

Works notification | 15 May 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

As part of the preparatory work to upgrade the sports oval from a grass surface to a synthetic surface, comprehensive subsoil testing across the sports oval was carried out over the Autumn school holidays. This testing confirmed there is no hazardous materials, which includes no asbestos-containing material in the subsoil of the sports oval.

During the inspection of the sports oval by the independent hygienist, a small fragment of old building material was found near the entrance to the sports oval between buildings H and LL. In accordance with the Department's Asbestos Management Plan, the independent hygienist conducted a visual inspection of the area and did not find any further traces of potential asbestos containing material on the surface.

The fragment was immediately removed and tested. The testing identified the fragment contained bonded asbestos. This means the asbestos is attached to other material such as cement and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

As a precaution, soil samples will be taken from the area to make sure the subsoil near the sports oval's entry does not contain any further fragments. Soil sampling will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 20 May 2023.

The Department will put in place all necessary safety measures and monitoring before the work starts.

The work will be carried out in accordance with the advice of the independent hygienist, with work, health, safety laws and the Department's Asbestos Management Plan. Please be assured that all works will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists.

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.

