

Castle Hill High School

Works notification | 22 May 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are writing to let you know the ground floor of Building LL, also known as the science faculty, is temporarily closed for a ceiling repair. All other areas of the building, including the library and study spaces, are open as normal. The ceiling voids of Building LL do not contain asbestos-containing materials.

What happened

On Thursday 21 May 2026, staff noticed that a section of ceiling in the ground floor corridor of Building LL had begun to sag. A builder attended and identified part of the metal framework that holds the ceiling panels in place had detached from the concrete slab above in two locations. There is no structural damage to the building.

The ground floor corridor and the science rooms of Building LL were closed as a precaution.

Precautionary testing and air monitoring

A small amount of dust, consistent in appearance with brick or mortar debris, was found in the area. The ceiling voids of Building LL do not contain asbestos-containing materials.

As a precaution, an independent hygienist attended the site and collected samples for testing.

All air monitoring to date across the site has returned results below the minimum detectable limit, which means it is consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL) as per SafeWork NSW guidelines. These results show that there is not a detectable level of asbestos fibres in the air in this area.

The independent hygienist has advised there is very little risk of the dust being asbestos, as the material appears to be brick mortar that has been loosened. We will keep the community updated in the unlikely event of the sample testing positive for asbestos. If results are negative, the area will be reopened for use once the ceiling has been repaired and we will not notify again.

What happens next

The ground floor of Building LL will remain closed until repairs to the ceiling are complete. We expect these rooms will reopen on Wednesday 27 May 2026. All other areas of Building LL are open and operating normally.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and the local community are our highest priorities.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.



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