

Castle Hill High School

Works notification | 6 February 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Following a required IT upgrade at Castle Hill High School during the summer school holidays, holes were identified where old wireless access points had been removed.

On Monday 2 February 2026, as an abundance of caution, an independent hygienist undertook an inspection as well as air monitoring on several rooms. This meant that during this time, the library, 4 demountable classrooms, 4 classrooms, 3 storerooms, 2 wellbeing rooms and one staff room across Buildings A, C, D, E and LL were temporarily closed.

All air monitoring across the rooms returned results below the minimum detectable limit for asbestos, 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 these rooms.

Air monitoring results and clearance certificates for individual rooms were received throughout Monday, allowing rooms to reopen during the day. At the close of business on Monday, all affected rooms had received air monitoring results and clearance certificates, allowing them to be fully operational from Tuesday 3 February 2026.

Building E classroom repair

On the afternoon of Wednesday 4 February 2026, a student accidentally uncovered a subfloor access panel in a Building E classroom. The student was not injured.

As a precaution, students and staff exited the room and the room was locked. A contractor repaired the floor on Wednesday afternoon, following the advice of an independent hygienist who completed air monitoring. A clearance certificate was provided by the hygienist before school began on the morning of Thursday 5 February 2026, allowing the room to re-open.

On Saturday 7 February 2026 and Sunday 8 February 2026, we will conduct a visual inspection of all rooms across the school for obvious subfloor access panels.

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”. 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.

Precautionary inspection

We have completed a precautionary inspection of all rooms across the school on Wednesday 4 February 2026 to identify any small cracks or holes in walls and ceilings. No rooms have needed to be closed as a result of this inspection.



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Minor work to repair these cracks and holes is scheduled for Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 February 2026. Following the advice of the independent hygienist and per the School's Asbestos Management Plan, we are not planning to disturb or remove any asbestos-containing material during this work.

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

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.