

Castle Hill High School

Works notification

8 December 2022

Dear parents/carers and staff,

Work to upgrade the ventilation system in a science chemical storeroom at Castle Hill High School was completed recently. As part of this work, the contractor returned to the school on Monday 5 December to replace the associated light fitting.

Following the work to install the new lighting in the storeroom, debris was found and reported by school staff as suspected asbestos-containing material. As a result, the room was closed and no staff or students could enter.

School Infrastructure NSW was notified and promptly engaged a hygienist to undertake testing of the material. Initial test results indicated that asbestos was present in that material. The final report received today has confirmed the positive result.

We are following all the advice and protocols of the expert hygienists.

Air monitoring is being arranged for the impacted room and the necessary remediation works will be completed today. As a precaution, the whole building was closed to students and staff and air monitoring will also be installed in nearby areas on the advice of the hygienist.

The area will be inspected by the hygienist to ensure it has been fully remediated and a clearance certificate will be issued before the space can be reopened for normal use.

We will also seek advice from the hygienist about any further investigations or actions that may be required.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. We will provide the school an update once final test results are available and when the space can be reopened for use.

Thank you for your understanding.

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