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# Bangalow Public School

## Project update

June 2022

### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

### Project overview

A project is underway to upgrade Bangalow Public School. The upgrade includes eight new permanent learning spaces, internal refurbishment of the heritage building to provide administration space and landscaping. Early works including refurbishment of some existing learning spaces and conversion of existing learning spaces to create a new larger library is now complete.

### Progress summary

Early works to upgrade Building H (a home base) and Building F (the library) were completed in April 2022. These works were delivered under a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) planning pathway. Main works for the construction of the new school buildings will commence on Wednesday 13 July.

### Main works site establishment starting during July school holidays

Starting Wednesday 13 July 2022, works to establish the construction site for main works will start. Temporary fencing around the works area will be installed to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors. A site office, sheds and toilet will also be installed within the works zone.

As part of the site preparation works to allow for construction of the new school facilities, 18 trees are to be removed from within the works zone. The removal of these trees has been approved by Byron Shire Council under the Development Application for the project. An additional 50 trees will be replanted as part of landscaping works.

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### Working hours

Standard construction working hours will be 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday, and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays unless otherwise notified.

### Changes to school operations: Temporary relocation of playground

For the first 14 weeks of work, significant earth works are required within the footprint of the new building and the school oval to fix flooding issues. The oval will not be able to be used by students during this time.

As such, the Bangalow Showgrounds will be utilised as an alternative green play space. During this time, students will be escorted to the oval for breaks and supervised by teachers.

After this work is complete, a large proportion of the oval will be handed back to the school for the remaining construction period. We will provide the community a further update before the space is handed back.

### Playground arrangements for the first 14 weeks (Thursday 14 July – Tuesday 18 October )



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**Playground arrangements post Tuesday 18 October**



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## Frequently asked questions

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### **When will the playground changes be in effect from?**

The school will be able to use the showgrounds for breaks and structured sport for the first 14 weeks of construction.

### **Will there be bathroom facilities for the students to use at the showground?**

No. If required, students will be accompanied back to site by teachers to use bathroom facilities.

### **How many teachers will supervise students during breaks?**

There will be 3 - 4 teachers supervising during break time while using the showgrounds.

### **What safety and risk assessments have been undertaken to ensure the play space is safe?**

The Showground is maintained in line with safety requirements as required by Byron Shire Council. Further to this, the project team have completed a site assessment following the recent floods to ensure the play space is safe to be used by students.

### **Will the play space be handed back after 14 weeks?**

After 14 weeks a significant portion of the oval will be handed back to the school for use. We will provide further details about play arrangements closer to this time.

### **How will dust and noise be managed during construction?**

Any activity that could exceed approved construction noise management levels will be managed in accordance with the Development Application consent conditions. Noise will be kept to a minimum as best as possible during the construction, and dust as a result of demolition and excavation, will be hosed as required. Trucks making deliveries to the site will have their loads covered.

### **How will site remediation be managed during construction?**

The site will be safely remediated in accordance with the Department of Education's Management Plans and Safe Work NSW regulations. This work may involve removal of materials, or the safe covering of the ground with specialist methods in accordance with the Remediation Action Plan. The work will be completed by licenced remediation experts and monitored in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

### **Next steps – school construction works**

In the weeks following site establishment, works will begin on the new school buildings. We will continue to work closely with the school leadership team to minimise any impacts on school operations. Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure project. If you have any questions or concerns contact us on the details below or visit the webpage for more information:

[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/bangalow-public-school-upgrade.html](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/bangalow-public-school-upgrade.html)

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