

Blakebrook Public School

Project update | December 2024



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood affected schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

Funding for the school projects has also been provided by the Infrastructure Betterment Fund, which is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Project overview

A project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School after it was extensively damaged by flooding in 2022. The project will deliver a raised and flood resilient school, with new classrooms, library, canteen and administration area, as well landscaping.

Progress summary

- Bulk earthworks, inground services and strip footings continue to progress. The lift pit and amenities concrete slabs are complete. Work on the blockwork for the ground floor amenities will begin before the school holidays.
- We are continuing to work with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee (AECG), local community and school to ensure Blakebrook Public School is connected to Country through its landscaping, planting and daily school operations.
- We have met with the school to work through the next steps in implementing the Heritage Interpretation Strategy. This plan will include historical storytelling, informative signage, restoration of the Great War Honour Rolls and return of items that the school community identified as significant to Blakebrook's story. Students will be involved in this project during Term 1 of 2025. The new landscaping will preserve the school's much loved fruit trees and replace the vegetable beds that were damaged in the floods.



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Next steps

Rebuilding Blakebrook Public School will continue during the summer holidays, including installing pipes and cables and preparation for the installation of the structural steel gantry that will support the school buildings. We aim to have the site ready for the delivery and installation of the modular buildings at the beginning of Term 1, 2025, weather permitting.

We expect the new flood resilient school facilities to be completed during Term 2, 2025.

We will keep the school community updated as construction continues throughout next term as we begin planning for the return of students and staff to Blakebrook.

Holiday working hours

School Infrastructure will be closed from 5 pm Friday 20 December 2024 to 9 am Monday 6 January 2025, inclusive. During this time, if there is an urgent issue, please contact the site manager listed on the construction site entry. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000)

More information



You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/BlakebrookPS-FloodRecovery or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.