



Concept design for the rebuilt Blakebrook Public School

Blakebrook Public School

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

As part of this commitment, we are rebuilding Blakebrook Public School, with core facilities, that include new classrooms, administration facilities, library, and undercover play areas and toilets on the first and ground levels.

We are rebuilding your new school as quickly as possible, and to minimise disruption to learning, students will temporarily relocate to Goolmangar Public School from Term 2, 2024 while Blakebrook Public school is being rebuilt. Goolmangar Public School is currently in recess.

Before the relocation, the existing school at Goolmangar will be extended to incorporate a new administration building, toilet block, and an additional classroom. These improvements will create a larger and more functional learning environment for everyone.

We will continue to communicate updates throughout the rebuild process. We appreciate your patience and are committed to making this process as smooth as possible.

Principal's message

Students will begin learning from the Goolmangar site from Day 1 Term 2 2024 - Tuesday, 30 April.

School staff are working with School Infrastructure NSW to make sure Goolmangar site is ready for us next term. Our focus is creating an exciting and engaging learning environment, where our students will continue to grow and succeed. Plans are in place to move our teaching and learning resources, sports equipment and technology to Goolmangar so we are fully operational from the first day of Term 2. The school signs and other playground preparations will occur shortly so that we feel at home at our temporary location.

Rebuilding our school is a huge project for our school and community with many challenges for all of us. Operating from Goolmangar temporarily will minimise the impacts of construction on student learning while our school is being rebuilt. Student well-being and learning will remain our core focus.

I know our entire school community is excited to watch the rebuild unfold and is eager to start the next chapter for Blakebrook Public School. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while this important work is being undertaken.

Sam Bowkett

School Principal
Blakebrook Public School

Timeline

We are working to have everything ready at Goolmangar for when Blakebrook Public School students arrive on the first day of Term 2, 2024.



School map

A new temporary administration block, classroom, toilets and undercover walkways have been installed to accommodate Blakebrook PS students and staff while they are at Goolmangar. You can see where Blakebrook PS classes will be learning from on the map below.



Bus Arrangements

The project team are working with Transport for NSW to organise a shuttle bus. The new bus will transport students from the Blakebrook PS site to Goolmangar PS each morning, returning to the Blakebrook PS site each afternoon.

We are also working closely with the Northern Rivers Buses to co-ordinate the shuttle with existing bus services at the Blakebrook PS interchange.

Given an additional bus will now be using the bus interchange, parents are asked to pick up or drop off students as quickly as possible.

Blakebrook Public School will be providing detailed information around the safe movement of students at the interchange.

During construction

Deliveries to and from the construction site at Blakebrook will be carefully scheduled to avoid pick-up and drop-off times, prioritising student safety and convenience.

We're working closely with the contractor to minimise disruptions to the school's traffic flow through-out the rebuilding of Blakebrook PS. Detailed updates on construction plans, including parking arrangements, will be provided once demolition and construction approvals are finalised.



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Progress summary and next steps

Preparations for rebuilding Blakebrook Public School are continuing:

- The Development Application for demolition of the school buildings is in the final stages of assessment by Lismore City Council. We are expecting to receive draft conditions shortly.
- Public exhibition of the DA for rebuilding Blakebrook Public School closed on 3 March, 2024. The DA is now being assessed by Lismore City Council. It will also be assessed by the Northern Regional Planning Panel.
- A contract has been signed for the off-site construction of the Blakebrook Public School building. Off-site construction is scheduled to begin in August 24.
- Once the necessary planning approvals are place, demolition, civil works, inground services and installation of the new school are expected to take approximately 6 months, weather permitting.

Keeping you updated



We will continue to keep the Blakebrook Public School community updated while your school is rebuilt. You can also find updates on our school project page or by scanning the QR code.

Website: schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

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