



Broadwater Public School

Project update | March 2024

Dear parents/carers and staff,

The Department of Education is committed to rebuilding Broadwater Public School as quickly as possible so students can return to their school site.

Development application

The Development Application (DA) for rebuilding Broadwater Public School is on exhibition via Richmond Valley Council's website (DA2024/0087 – 9 Byrnes Street, Broadwater – Broadwater Public School: <https://richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/exhibition/da2024-0087-9-byrnes-street-broadwater-broadwater-public-school/>).

The DA is on exhibition from Wednesday 6 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024. Details for making a written submission can be found on council's website.

The Department initially considered a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) planning pathway, however, due to the nature and location of the Broadwater Public School site and consideration that a REF can sometimes trigger a lengthy State Significant Infrastructure Application, a DA pathway was preferred.

Under both planning pathways all environmental factors, including flooding, are considered. The Department has confidence that the Council will assess the application in a timely manner, and we will work with them and the regional planning panel to address any issues they may have throughout the assessment process.

Progress on the school rebuild

As communicated in February, the school masterplan, landscape plan and concept plans have been finalised and lodged as part of the DA. The offsite construction progress of Broadwater Public School is at about 30% complete, with most of the external components already finished. Ongoing efforts will focus on advancing internal service installations in preparation for wall linings.

Broadwater Public School site

We have increased grass mowing at the site while the hot wet weather continues and further secured the site after a recent break in.

The asset management team have placed the school memorabilia (plaques, pencil fence and time capsules) in secure storage until they can be re-installed in the rebuilt school.

New signs have also be installed to reassure the local community that a new modern school is being built back on the Broadwater Public School site.

Keeping you informed

We understand how important it is to keep school parents and staff informed throughout all stages of rebuilding your school. We will provide regular updates through the school and our Broadwater Public School Flood Recovery project page.

If you have questions or concerns you can also contact us via 1300 482 651 or schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au

