



Artist's impression of Empire Vale Public School (subject to change)

Empire Vale Public School

Project update | April 2024

Project overview

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, a project is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School, which was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022.

The project will deliver new modern flood resilient classrooms and school facilities, including a library, canteen, administration area, undercover learning area, yarning circle and landscaping to complement the school's surroundings.

Progress summary

- Earthworks, footings and foundations have been completed in readiness for the new school buildings.
- Installation of the steel gantry and staircase has commenced. Once the gantry is complete the new school building can be installed.
- Work has started on the lift shaft, which will provide inclusive access to the first floor classroom and administration areas.
- The school's services have been installed, including storm water, fire tank and septic services.
- Offsite construction of the new school buildings is about 90% complete. Once the buildings are complete, they will be dismantled and transported to Empire Vale for installation.

Next steps

- Following the completion of the steel gantry and prior to the installation of the school, the Ground flood slab and amenities will commence construction.
- We are expecting the new school buildings to be delivered to the site by early May. Traffic management will be in place along River Drive while the buildings are offloaded by crane onto the school site, however we are not anticipating any impacts on access to the area. Neighbours will be advised of the delivery dates once they are confirmed.

- Once the buildings are delivered, we expected installation and fit out of the new buildings to take about 4 weeks. The school grounds are also being landscaped as part of the school rebuild. This includes replacement of the school's flood damaged play equipment.
- We anticipate the school be ready for Empire Vale Public School students and staff to move into mid-2024. We will work with the school to provide more information about the transition back to the newly rebuilt school as the date approaches.

Working hours

Standard working hours are **7am to 5pm Monday Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. We will work to ensure that all works are carried out safely and efficiently and will minimise impacts to the community at every opportunity.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651 or 1399 482 651.



Empire Vale Public School construction progress



