

Forbes Public School

Flood Recovery Update | 13 December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

The NSW Department of Education is continuing to coordinate the emergency, recovery and resilience response to support flood and weather-impacted school communities across NSW. School Infrastructure NSW is working with schools to assess their damage and remediate, repair, and rebuild.

What has been happening at Forbes Public School

The Forbes Public School site remains non-operational, and the school will continue to utilise 5 teaching spaces at Forbes High School and carry out some administrative tasks there for the remainder of 2022.

School Infrastructure NSW and other key partners have been working with the school to:

- remove and safely dispose of any asbestos found onsite
- re-establish power to the Special Education Unit so it can continue to operate on the school site
- locate and install 2 temporary administration offices – one on the school site and one at Forbes High School
- carry out repairs to flooded air conditioning units
- work with the ICT team to get communications up and running
- support hygienists as they tested and reviewed the school's permanent buildings
- source and supply containers for the salvage and storage of school items.

What to expect for Day 1 Term 1 2023

The school leadership team, P&C, and School Infrastructure NSW have developed a plan for a Temporary School within the grounds of Forbes Public School, which will be operational for the first day of the new term in 2023. The Temporary School will cater for Kindergarten to Year 6 so we can welcome our whole school back to the original and familiar location. The Special Education Unit will continue to operate in a room that wasn't impacted by the floods.

The Temporary School has been designed to align with School Stages and will include:

- an Administration building, a Library and a Canteen
- 14 learning spaces
- additional multipurpose buildings and storage areas
- 2 Boys Toilets, 2 Girls Toilets, and 1 Accessible Toilet.

All buildings will be accessed by new covered footpaths, and buildings will be raised appropriately to help minimise risk from any future flooding. Please see overleaf for a site map.

School Infrastructure NSW is continuing to liaise with council about the location of and planning requirements for the temporary buildings. [Click here to learn more about our Temporary Schools.](#)

Our teams are working as quickly as possible, while prioritising the safety of students, staff and contractors. The timing of all work and handover of learning spaces will continue to be subject to local weather conditions, access, and availability of trades and buildings. We will prioritise all learning spaces and toilets for Day 1, with some other non-learning spaces expected to be ready in Term 1.

We thank you for your continued patience and look forward to sharing an update with you ahead of school resuming in January. We will also provide an update on plans for repairs and the return to your permanent school.

Have a safe summer break.





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- Classrooms ■
- School space ■
- Admin ■
- Toilets
- Pathways ■

