

# Lismore South Public School

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Dear staff, parents and carers,

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 Lismore South Public School.

Consultation workshops were held for staff, parents and students in early November 2023. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation sessions and completed the survey.

The most common themes raised by staff and parents through consultation were how much they value the role Lismore South Public School plays in the local community, its long history, and its small school feel. Staff and parents also said decisions around building design and location should be focussed on minimising disruption to face-to-face learning for students in the case of any future floods.

## Progress summary

- Feedback from consultation is helping inform decisions about where and how Lismore South Public School will be rebuilt.
- The Project Reference Group (PRG) met on 9 November 2023 to continue master planning for the school. This included more detailed discussions with the architect about the school's needs and the layout of school, preschool spaces, and playground areas. The PRG also discussed how the school would be designed if it remains at its current location.
- The department is continuing discussions with planning authorities to understand new flood height requirements and the impact these may have on the viability of rebuilding on the Phyllis Street site and gaining planning approval.

## Next steps

- Design work will continue with the architects and the PRG to finalise the masterplan for the school.
- The department will make a final decision about the viability of rebuilding on the Phyllis Street site.
- Due diligence will continue on alternative site options for Lismore South Public School, in case the school cannot be rebuilt at Phyllis Street.

We are taking all necessary steps to ensure we select the best location for the new Lismore South Public School. As the process continues, we will share more information, including early concept designs for the new school, with the community.

Thank you for your patience while we undertake this important project.

