

Lismore South Public School

Project update | June 2025

Image caption: Artist's impression, Kyogle Street entry



Investing in our schools

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

Funding for the school projects has also been provided by the Infrastructure Betterment Fund, which is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Project overview

As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Lismore South Public School and Lismore South Public School Ngulliboo Jarjums Preschool, after it was extensively damaged during floods in 2022.

The project will deliver modern flood resilient school facilities and landscaping to complement Lismore South Public School's surroundings, including:



13 modern classrooms



New library, multipurpose hall and canteen



Preschool



Designs with connection to Bundjalung Country



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Progress summary

- We are working with the builder and the school to finalise the designs and required documentation for the planning application. Updates to the design include:
 - raising the buildings higher, which will make the school more flood resilient
 - changes to the school entrance along Kyogle Street to allow for a meeting area inside the school and retention of the existing trees
 - updating the preschool layout to make it more functional for teaching younger children.
- The school has chosen the finishes and colours for the inside and outside of their new school spaces. The preschool, K-6 and administration spaces will all have subtle colour differences that work together to create calming and creative places for learning and teaching. We look forward to sharing these designs with you shortly.
- We are also continuing to work with the school and Aboriginal community to finalise the designs and features of the school landscaping to make sure the new school reflects and celebrates Country. This will include the choice of plants, artwork and storytelling throughout the school grounds.

Next steps

Asbestos removal and demolition

In preparation for rebuilding, work will begin in **mid-June** to remove remaining asbestos and demolishing the flood damaged buildings. You will see new construction site mesh being installed around the school and site sheds being delivered before this work begins.

We will provide more details, including any traffic arrangements that may be required, as soon as they are confirmed.

Public exhibition

Once our planning application is lodged it will be placed on public exhibition for three weeks. The application will be assessed by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

We will share links to the project documentation with the school community and neighbours, as well as details for how to make a submission, as soon as they are on public exhibition.

We expect to begin construction of the new school facilities later this year and complete the rebuilding of Lismore South Public School in late 2026.

More information



You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/LismoreSouthPS-FloodRecovery or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.