# Murwillumbah East Public School Project update | August 2025

Image caption: Example of new a classroom delivered at new school in the region.



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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the NSW Budget is delivering \$2.1 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

### **Project overview**

Planning is continuing for the construction of new permanent, flood resilient facilities at Murwillumbah East Public School.

The project will provide new classrooms, a canteen, and facilities for specialist support classes. The project will also enable all demountable buildings to be removed from the school site.

### **Progress summary**

Following discussions with the school executive, we will also be upgrading the administration spaces and improving traffic arrangements at the front of the school as part of the project.

An information session was held for the staff and parents of Murwillumbah East Public School on 17 June 2025. Thank you to everyone who joined us to and shared their feedback with the team. If you were unable to attend, you can view the <u>information pack</u> and <u>information boards</u> in the library tab on the project webpage.

Since the information session, we have:

- appointed an architect for the project
- assessed suitable locations and building heights for the new flood resilient facilities
- engaged specialists to start the necessary statutory investigations, including those related to flooding, cultural heritage, bushfire risk, traffic impacts, and stormwater management
- met again with the Project Reference Group (PRG) to provide an update on the project and gather feedback on issues that will help us in our planning, location, and design of the new facilities. The PRG includes the project team, local Directors of Educational Leadership, school executive and a representative from the Murwillumbah East Public School P&C.



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Tenders to upgrade the air conditioning and lighting throughout the school close in late August. We aim to begin this work during the October school holidays.

## **Next steps**

Now that we have appointed an architect, we will start creating concept designs for the new building in collaboration with the school and Project Reference Group (PRG). The concept designs will confirm the location of the new facilities on the Murwillumbah East Public School site as well as how they will be used and interact with the rest of the school facilities

We will share the proposed concept designs with the community before we submit our planning application during Term 4.

Once it is submitted, the planning application for the project, known as the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), will be placed on public exhibition for 21 days.

We expect to begin construction of the new facilities by mid-2026.

More information about <u>how we build and upgrade schools</u> is on the department's website. This includes the <u>Concept Design Fact Sheet</u>.

#### More information



You can find more information about the project at <a href="mailto:edu.nsw.link/MurwillumbahEastPS-Upgrade">edu.nsw.link/MurwillumbahEastPS-Upgrade</a> or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours using the contact details below.

