

Our local high schools in 2025

Progress update
November 2024



At the beginning of the 2025 school year, Murwillumbah High School and Wollumbin High School will start operating again as two separate schools.

The department and school leadership teams are working through the final stages of preparing for this exciting milestone. This includes completing the construction works that are underway to improve school facilities and implementing the educational and operational transition plan.

What to expect this term

One of our key priorities as we prepare for the return to two separate high schools is to provide regular updates and information for students, staff and families.

Progress updates

This update follows one in [September 2024](#) and is part of a range of communication activities planned between now and Term 1 2025 to keep you updated.

Drop-in information sessions: Tuesday 12 November 2024

We warmly invite the school community to attend drop-in information sessions to speak with the new school principals and members of the project team. The timing of the information sessions has been planned to try and accommodate all schedules.

Times: 8 am to 9 am and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Murwillumbah Learning Community High School Hall, 94 North Arm Road

You can drop in at any time during the information sessions. If you are unable to attend, resources shared at the information session will be made available afterwards.

Back to school packs

Towards the end of this term, and again in the weeks before school starts for 2025, information packs will be emailed to families, covering all the essentials, including travelling to and from school, accessing the school sites, bell times, uniforms and what to expect on Day 1 Term 1.



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Murwillumbah High School upgrade

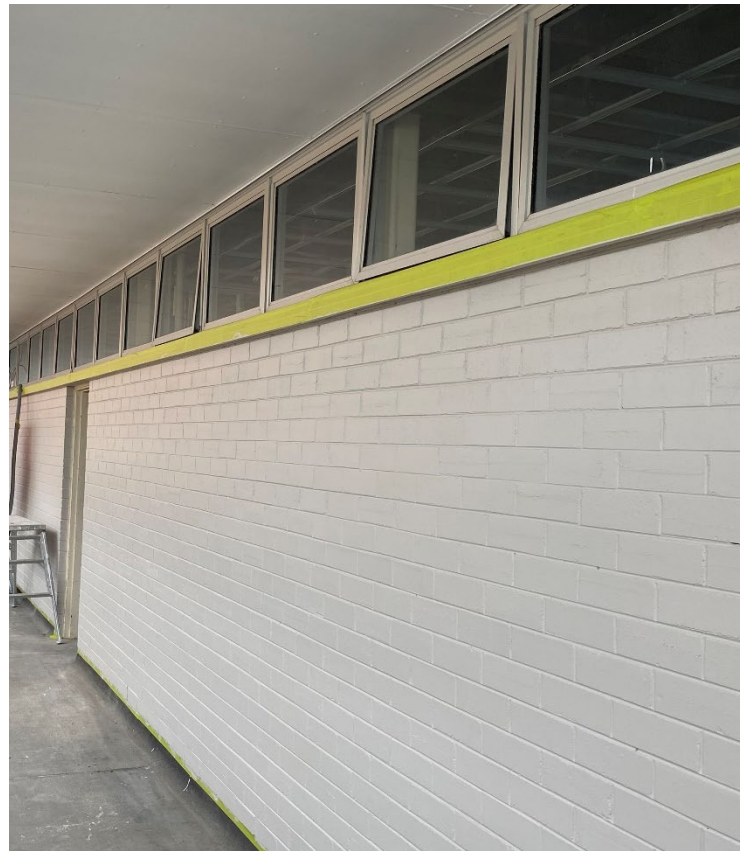
There are literally hundreds of people on site at Murwillumbah High School right now including plasterers, electricians, carpenters, builders and painters - working hard to fully renovate and restore the school.

Progress summary

Work on all parts of the upgrade is happening in parallel across the site with significant progress being made each week, including:

- Preparation of floors in all spaces for new carpets and floor coverings – 100% complete.
- Installation of electrical infrastructure across the site – approximately 95% complete.
- Framing for interior wall and ceiling linings across the site – approximately 80% complete.
- ‘Rough-in’ of electrical wiring for power, lighting and equipment in the classrooms and learning spaces is ahead of schedule - approximately 65% complete.

The upgrade is on track to provide all the facilities needed, including fully refurbished classrooms, specialist learning spaces and other facilities like the hall, library, administration office and Student Support Unit when school resumes at the beginning of 2025. As advised in our previous update, some work will continue after school returns with all works expected to be complete by the end of Term 2.



Undercover walkways before and after painting

Wollumbin High School upgrade

While the Wollumbin High School site has been in use by the Murwillumbah Learning Community High School and is at capacity, work has been limited to minimise disruption to learning. This time has been used to undertake maintenance and plan for the main upgrade works. Early works, including refurbishing student toilets in Block A, will be done in the upcoming holidays with further upgrade works to start in early 2025.

Progress summary

Work recently completed or underway includes:

- Installation of a new fence around the school sports court, with resurfacing and repainting of the court to take place in the summer school holidays
- Consultation with specialist advisers and key staff to inform the design of music learning spaces and School Support Unit
- Hydrological assessments and engineering design for stormwater improvements
- Scoping, planning and procurement for lighting and ventilation upgrades.

Support class choice

As part of planning the return to two separate high schools, local educational leaders consulted with the department's Learning and Wellbeing team as well as principals and support unit staff to determine the best approach to supporting students in Murwillumbah with disability and additional learning and support needs.

The outcome of this consultation was a decision to offer a Student Support Unit at both Murwillumbah High School and Wollumbin High School from 2025 onwards.

At Murwillumbah High School, Block H is being completely redeveloped to provide 3 classrooms, accessible toilets and showers, a kitchen, staff spaces and practical activities area. The building which is historic but not heritage listed, is incredibly spacious but also homely, featuring high ceilings, easy access to Riverview Street for drop off and pick up, and outdoor space for withdrawal and play.

At Wollumbin High School, the advice was that Blocks R and H offered the best option for transformation into a Student Support Unit. The entire interior will be remodelled to provide modern, high-quality facilities. To reduce disruption and avoid a double move, Support Unit students at Wollumbin High School will remain in current facilities until the new spaces are ready in mid 2025.

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