

# The Rivers Secondary College

Project Update

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## What is happening at The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High campus?

The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High Campus was extensively damaged during the floods in early 2022. The NSW Department of Education remains committed to rebuilding the school which will deliver new, modern and flexible learning environments and core facilities that will support the long term needs of the local community.

The Richmond River High Campus students will continue learning from the Military Road Campus, with the temporary school now operational, sharing the Lismore High Campus canteen and playground areas. This temporary school consists of classrooms, administration areas, library, science labs and support areas. Additional demountable buildings will be placed on the campus in November and be operational for Day 1, Term 1, 2023.

## Next steps

The original Richmond River High Campus is currently undergoing assessment to determine the scope of works required to ensure the school is built back in a suitable location and to a more resilient standard, to meet the long-term educational needs of the community.

The Department is in the early stages of developing a consultation roadmap for the rebuild of the Richmond River High Campus. Key stakeholders including members of the school leadership group, local community representatives, and various local and state government agency representatives will be engaged at stages of the development of the plan. An outline of the consultation roadmap is expected to be shared with the school community later in Term 4.

School Infrastructure will work closely with and seek recommendations from the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) during the planning, design and construction phases of the rebuild process to manage the rebuild of flood-impacted communities, and coordinate the planning and construction work across multiple government agencies. At this stage, SINSW is awaiting further advice from the NRRC relating to the rollout of their various housing program strategies, however we will be ready to act immediately on advice when recommendations are handed down.

The NRRC will be guided by the finding from the CSIRO'S Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative and recommendations from the Independent Flood Inquiry. The CSIRO's first Rapid Review Assessment, due in December 2022, will inform investment in the Northern Rivers region in 2022–23 and support recovery and resilience efforts.

We thank you for your patience as we work through this program of work. We will continue to share information with the community as work progresses.

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