

The Rivers Secondary College | Richmond River High Campus

Planning update | September 2023

Dear staff, families/carers,

Planning for rebuilding The Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus (RRHC) is continuing.

Progress summary

Initial consultation about the long-term education vision for secondary education in Lismore and surrounding communities has finished. As part of this consultation workshops were held at the end of Term 2 and in Term 3 with staff, students and parents from the Richmond River High campus, The Rivers Secondary College and primary schools in the Richmond River High Campus catchment, as well as the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). More than 350 people also completed the online survey, including many former RRHC students.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. A key theme from participants was the important role that public education should play in the future of a thriving Lismore and the need for the new campus to reflect the needs and culture of the local community now and over the next decades.

Feedback from the workshops and the survey will help inform the review of options for rebuilding RRHC.

Reviewing options for rebuilding RRHC

School Infrastructure NSW is continuing discussions with the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC), Lismore Council and other stakeholders to identify and assess potential locations for the school rebuild.

We are finalising the procurement of a design team, including architect and engineering consultants. The design team will overlay potential campus masterplans over potential sites to assess issues and constraints. Subject experts will provide technical assessments to inform our site review. This includes flood, bushfire, geotechnical and cultural heritage assessments.

The site assessments will also consider the department's criteria for school planning, as well as specific considerations for RRHC that were informed by the consultation.

Next steps

Once due diligence investigations are completed, we will review all options against criteria that consider flood resilience, community feedback about education vision, infrastructure requirements and funding availability.

We are planning to share an update about the rebuild with the school community by the end of Term 4 2023.

