

# Richmond River High Campus

## Project update | April 2025

Image caption: Example of new modern and flexible high school classrooms



### 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.

### Project overview

As part of this commitment a project is underway to rebuild the Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus (RRHC) after it was extensively damaged by floods in 2022.

The new, more flood resilient campus will be relocated to a new site at North Lismore and will include:



Modern classrooms and specialist learning spaces



Multipurpose hall and performance space



Sporting facilities



A campus that is connected to Bundjalung Country

### Progress update

We remain on track for construction to be completed on the new flood resilient RRHC in 2027. As an update:

- Our rezoning application has been submitted and is being assessed. We expect this process to be completed by mid-2025.



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- We have revisited some aspects of the school's layout as a result of additional geotechnical investigations on the school site. This has not reduced the facilities that will be provided.
- Main works tenders closed on 4 April 2025. We are now evaluating tenders, with the award of contracts expected by June 2025.
- We met with both the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBC) and the Project Reference Group (PRG) in March to discuss the design amendments and to help finalise the school's colour schemes for the building facades and internal spaces. The buildings and landscape will reflect the earthy tones of the site's hinterland setting. We are look forward to sharing these designs with the community as soon as they are ready,

## Next steps

We understand the urgency of providing RRHC with its own flood resilient campus and we are working closely with the NSW Reconstruction Authority to look at all avenues for rebuilding the campus as quickly as possible.

Following the rezoning approval, which we expect in mid 2025, the planning application will be placed on public exhibition. During exhibition, the project documentation, including the architectural design drawings, landscaping plan, proposed access and transport arrangements, and environmental impact assessment reports, will be available online for the community to view.

## Lake Street site

The Lake Street site has been secured, with fencing reinstated and the security camera and alarm system remaining in place. The agriculture facilities are now available for the school to use again. We are also working with a structural engineer and hygienist to determine the extent of make-safe work and demolition needed at the fire site.

Due to the heritage listing on the site, it is likely we will need to submit a Development Application to Lismore City Council to demolish the fire damaged buildings. We are working through this process as quickly as possible and will keep the school community updated.

Honouring the long history of RRHC has always been an important part of the project. We will continue to work with the school on how we can best celebrate the long history of Richmond River High in its new flood resilient campus.

## More information



You can find more information about the project at [edu.nsw.link/RichmondRiverHC](https://edu.nsw.link/RichmondRiverHC) 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.