

The Rivers Secondary College

Flood Recovery Update

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Supporting flood-impacted schools

The NSW Department of Education is coordinating an emergency response effort that is unprecedented in terms of scale and impact. A large number of schools in the Northern Rivers region have damage to either the entire site or some buildings and facilities.

What is happening at the Richmond River High Campus?

The whole Richmond River High Campus was damaged by flood waters and is still closed for cleaning and remediation.

Due to the extent of damage, students will continue to learn from the Lismore High Campus, with a temporary “pop-up” school soon to be operational on the site.

Current status

- Temporary buildings are being installed at the Lismore High Campus to cater for the learning needs of students, with the specialist spaces soon to arrive.
- The Richmond River High Campus has been made safe. The school has been cleaned, walls and classrooms have been stripped out and the site has been secured.

Next steps

Planning and due diligence is underway to understand the scope of work required to rebuild the school and to meet local needs for permanent education infrastructure.

School Infrastructure NSW will hold a school community information session for the Richmond River High Campus community in coming weeks.

The information session will provide the community with updates on the extent of damage at the school, the rebuild of buildings, timelines and upcoming community engagement activities.

What else is happening in the region?

The local School Infrastructure NSW office has inspected all schools in flood-impacted areas and has removed rubbish, cleaned and secured affected sites to ensure they are safe. Teams are repairing and remediating schools that were damaged during the floods and assessing works needed to rebuild the worst affected schools.

Where possible, students are learning at their usual school sites, while some schools have been relocated to alternative sites so that their learning can continue while school repairs or rebuild works are underway.

We thank you for your patience during this important program of work. We will continue to share information with you as work progresses.

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