

# Cabbage Tree Island Public School

Planning update | December 2023

## Project overview

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Cabbage Tree Island Public School, which was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022.

The school community will be consulted as part of planning, designing and rebuilding the permanent Cabbage Tree Island Public School.

## Progress summary

- Students are continuing to learn from a purpose designed temporary school at the Wardell Recreation Ground. New playground equipment and soft fall was installed for Transition Class students during Term 4 2023.
- We are continuing to investigate and explore options for how and where Cabbage Tree Island Public School could be rebuilt. This includes consulting with stakeholders, understanding permissible building heights, and investigation issues such as ecology, bushfire risk, and land availability.

## Next steps

The department will work with Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), the school community and other stakeholders, including the relevant government agencies and planning authorities, to determine the most appropriate setting for Cabbage Tree Island Public School in the future. The location of where housing is to be rebuilt will help inform this decision.

No decision about where and how Cabbage Tree Island students learn will be made without discussions with the school community.

We will continue to update the community in Term 1 2024.

## Removal of demountables from Cabbage Tree Island

Flood damaged demountable buildings at Cabbage Tree Island Public School will be removed from the island during summer, and may be repaired and refurbished for use by other schools that need them. The permanent flood damaged buildings will remain safe and secure until a decision is made about the future setting for Cabbage Tree Island Public School.

## Christmas operating hours

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024, inclusive, in line with the NSW Government shut down period. You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return.

Thank you for your patience during this important project.

