



An example of flexible a learning space

# Empire Vale Public School

## Project update | September 2023

### What is happening at Empire Vale Public School?

A project is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School after it was damaged by floods in early 2022. The project will deliver new modern and flexible classrooms and core facilities that will support the long-term needs of the local community. Students will continue learning from classrooms at Southern Cross Public School in Ballina while the school is being rebuilt.



### Current Status

- The master planning and concept design phases are complete.
- An Information Session was held at Wardell CORE on 23 August 2023 whereby the project team were on hand to answer questions and artist impressions of the new school were on display.
- To review the information pack and display boards of the latest designs use the QR code above.

### Next Steps

- Await planning approval.
- Finalise schematic design.

### Information Session Feedback

The Empire Vale Public School Information Session was an amazing success with over 60 people viewing the designs. Most of the feedback from the community was extremely positive, with people commenting on the curved design, how great the undercroft will be for community events and the wonderful incorporation of the heritage building into the design.

Rebuilding Empire Vale Public School is forecast to take approximately two years. Completion is expected in 2024 but will depend on the planning approval, builder's schedule, weather and site conditions and the availability of resources. We will do whatever we can to complete the project sooner and we thank you and the school community for your patience.

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will continue to keep the community up to date with project updates, works notifications and information sessions, at each critical phase of the development.

The SINSW team thanks the community for their patience while we consult all the relevant stakeholders to ensure the best outcome for the school and the community.

*Below are some of the attendees at the Empire Vale Information Session*





*Below – all of the Empire Vale Public School students went to the information session and can't wait to get into their new school*

