# **Wardell Public School**

## Flood Recovery Update

1 August 2022

#### 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 Wardell Public School?

The whole of Wardell Public School was impacted by flooding and is being rebuilt. Students are learning from existing classrooms at Alstonville Public School.

A temporary pop-up school will be installed at Wardell Public School so that students and staff can return to their school while it is being rebuilt. Delivering these important works is a vital step towards returning a sense of normality in the lives of students, staff, parents and carers.

#### **Current status**

- Work on preparing the site for the new temporary pop-up school commenced on July 27.
- The pop-up school will include seven temporary demountable buildings, including classroom, administration, pre-school and toilet buildings.
- The pop-up school is being installed on the school oval beside the Wardell Public School site.
- We are hoping that Wardell Public School students will be able to return to their school by Term 4 2022.
- Students will continue learning from Alstonville Public school until the temporary pop-up school is installed.

#### **Next steps**

- Buildings for the temporary school have been sourced and will be delivered once the site is prepared.
- Arrangements for re-connecting internet and phone services to the temporary school are being investigated.
- School Infrastructure NSW will keep the Wardell Public School community updated on how the installation is progressing and when they can expect to return to their original school site.

#### What else is happening in the region?

Teams are repairing and remediating schools that were damaged during the foods and continuing to plan for the rebuilding of the worst affected schools.

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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