

Mullumbimby Public School

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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 their entire site or some buildings and facilities.

At the peak of the flood events on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 331 schools had temporarily ceased operations.

The local North Coast School Infrastructure NSW office inspected 87 schools in the region that sustained a degree of impact from flood waters.

Individual impact assessments were undertaken at 52 affected public school sites, each requiring the removal of rubbish, cleaning and securing to ensure they were safe for entry.

Mullumbimby Public School suffered damage as a result of the flood events, with water entering lower lying buildings and playgrounds on the site.

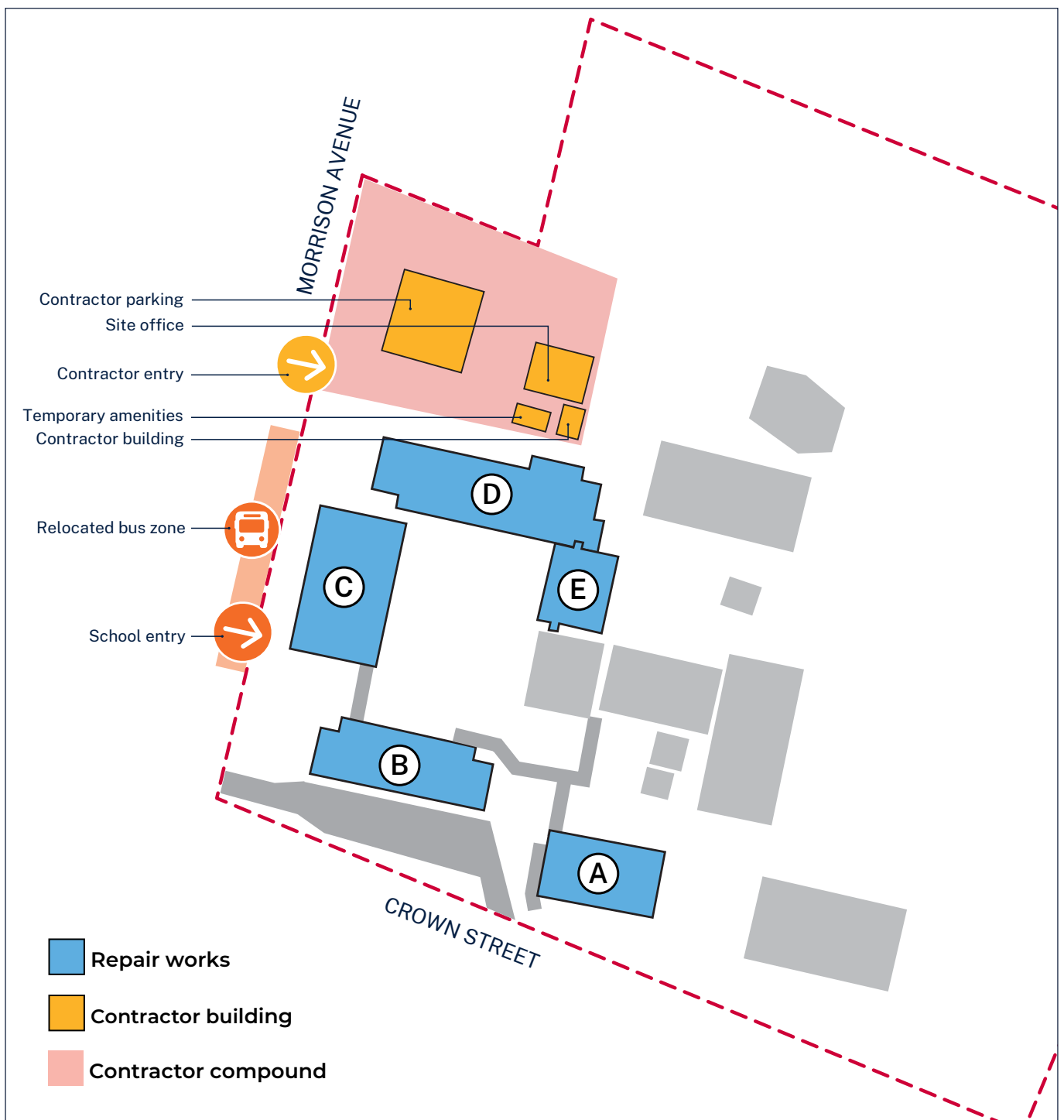
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Flood water caused damage to the school library, ground floor K-1 classroom, administration building, canteen, boys' toilets and school playgrounds.

School Infrastructure NSW and the Public Works are working with the school to repair the flood damaged buildings and provide modern school spaces that meet the needs of students and staff at Mullumbimby Public School now and into the future.

What has happened so far?

- The site has been secured and made safe.
- Staff are working from the school hall.
- A main works contractor has been appointed.
- The project team and the contractor have made several site visits for initial assessments and planning meetings with the school.
- The internal administration, library and classroom designs have been finalised in consultation with the school.



What work is happening at Mullumbimby Public School?

Work is expected to begin in August to repair flood damaged rooms and outdoor spaces.

Repairing and refurbishing the school administration building will be a priority so that the hall can be returned as a teaching and learning space for students.

Building	Summary of works
Administration (Block A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip out and removal of exterior timber cladding to remove water damage and mould contamination Refurbishment – including new furniture, fittings and IT infrastructure
Library and music room (Block C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip out and mould treatment of exposed timber rafters and posts New roof New internal walls, ceiling and carpet New furniture and learning resources
Ground K-1 classroom (Block B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip out to remove water damage and mould contamination. New classroom layout, carpet and furniture
Boys' toilets (Block D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mould treatment and refurbishment
Canteen (Block E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal wall linings stripped to remove mould contamination and replaced New modern design, paint, flooring and fittings

Modernising school spaces for Mullumbimby Public School

- Flood-damaged buildings internal rooms will be modernised in line with the latest design standards for school spaces.
- The project team is working with Mullumbimby Public School to provide flexible classroom and library layouts that meet future-focused learning models.
- The canteen will be redesigned and modernised so it meets the school's needs.
- The school is working with a loss adjuster to replace flood-damaged resources through insurance.

Managing work on-site

- Students will continue to learn from Mullumbimby Public School while work is underway.
- Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the work.
- Security fencing and hoarding will be installed to separate the construction site from the rest of the school.
- Contractors will enter the work compound via the existing Morrison Avenue gate.
- The bus zone will be relocated.
- The project team will work with the school to ensure activity is scheduled as much as possible to avoid busy times and important events.

How long will the work take?

We anticipate work to be completed in early 2023, pending site and weather conditions.



Note: Ongoing weather, supply chain and contractor shortages are also affecting building projects across the Northern Rivers region.



Keeping you informed

Work at Mullumbimby Public School is being managed by School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works and co-ordinated by the building contractor.

We are committed to working with the Mullumbimby community throughout the project lifecycle.

Standard working hours will be 7am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays, however, if there's a need outside these hours (e.g. safely remediating contaminated materials), the community will be notified.

Neighbours and the community will be notified of any work that has the potential to impact on neighbouring roads.

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information with the Mullumbimby community as work progresses, through regular project updates.

We thank you for your patience during this important work.

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