

Lismore South 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 the entire site or some buildings and facilities.

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

The local North Coast School Infrastructure NSW office inspected 87 schools in flood-impacted areas 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 of the site to ensure they were safe for entry.

The Lismore South Public School suffered extensive damage as a result of the flood events with flood water entering the school and damaging all buildings on the site.

Lismore South Public School

The whole of Lismore South Public School, including most second-storey spaces, as well as the Lismore South Public School Ngulliboo Jarjums Preschool were inundated by flood waters and remain closed for cleaning and remediation.

Due to the extent of damage, students will continue to learn from Goonellabah Public School until the temporary “pop-up” school on the Lismore South Public School grounds is complete and operational.

What has happened so far?

The site has been made safe with cleaning and mould prevention progressing, walls and classrooms have been stripped out and the site secured.

Planning for the rebuild

Planning is underway to rebuild the Lismore South Public School and the Lismore South Public School Ngulliboo Jarjums Preschool to cater for the future learning and teaching needs of the school community.

Work has started to install a temporary pop-up school on the Lismore South Public School grounds.

The pop-up school will include teaching and learning spaces, a canteen, a library, toilets, administration office and out of school hours care (OSHC) facilities. A separate temporary building will be provided for the preschool.

Building Lismore South Public School back better

School Infrastructure NSW’s number one priority has always been, and continues to be, to rebuild the Lismore South Public School.

The rebuild project will provide new, flexible learning spaces for the school. We will carefully consider what each building is used for and how they are fitted out to minimise disruption following any future flooding events.

Planning for the rebuild is underway, with a forecast timeframe of 2-3 years to complete.

Planning and due diligence is underway to understand the scope of work required:

- a project team has been appointed
- buildings are being inspected and assessed to understand the extent of damage and potential for repair, refurbishment or replacement
- technical experts are carrying out due diligence, including heritage and environmental assessments
- a tender has been issued for a ‘managing contractor’, which is a builder who will work with us to finalise the scope of work, design and timeline for the rebuild.

Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will work closely with, and seek recommendations from, the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) during the planning, design and construction phases of the rebuild.

From 1 July 2022, the corporation will act on any recommendations from the Independent Flood Inquiry, manage the rebuild of flood-impacted communities, and coordinate the planning and construction work across multiple government agencies.

SINSW is ready to act immediately on advice and recommendations handed down from the NRRC.



Site assessment

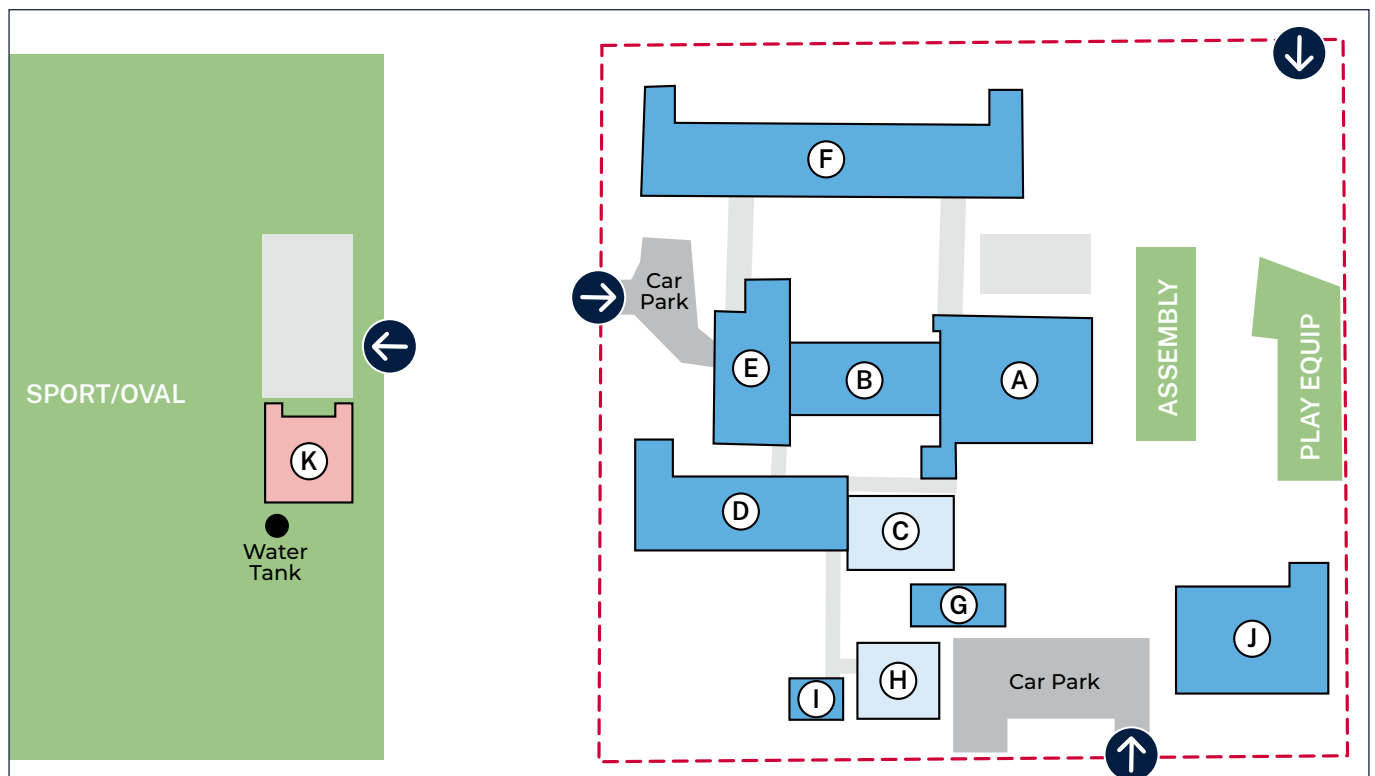
Based on our initial site visits and assessments:

Most of the school buildings are beyond repair, with the following sustaining extensive damage and deemed unsalvageable:

- Block A: library and hall
- Block B: administration
- Block D: classrooms
- Block E: classrooms and canteen

- Block F: classrooms
- Block G: toilet block
- Block I: stairwell
- Block J: Lismore South Public School Ngulliboo Jarjums Preschool.

The oval and student services building (Block K) are salvageable, while further investigations are needed to see what can be done with the remaining classrooms (Block C and Block H).



Salvageable

- Flood damage
- Sound building structure that can be repaired economically



Unsalvageable

- Extensively damaged
- Not heritage listed



Further investigations

- Flood damaged
- Suspected heritage value
- Potential building or design issues

**Information contained within the map may be subject to change pending further investigations and assessments.*

Flood resilience

A key consideration in the design and approach to the school rebuild will be to provide infrastructure and facilities that are more flood-resilient.

Mitigations might include siting buildings in different parts of the site, changing the use and fit-out of buildings in flood prone areas, or raising the level of buildings.

A flood engineer has been engaged to review flood levels on the site to help inform building heights for the school.

Through the scoping and design process, we will work with the school to consider the best layout for buildings and play spaces on the site, using more modern standards.

The rebuild project will restore damaged facilities and offer opportunities for improvement.



Consultation and keeping your school community informed

School Infrastructure NSW adopts a consistent and strategic approach to general community communications and engagement across all of our projects.

We are committed to engaging with all stakeholders, including the local community, through the entire project lifecycle; from planning, design and delivery, to operations and maintenance.

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information with the Lismore South Public School community as work progresses, by posting project updates on the website.

We thank you for your patience during this important program of work.

Stay informed



Website

Stay up to date by visiting the School Infrastructure NSW website schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



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