

Main Arm Upper Public School

Flood Recovery Update

May 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 Main Arm Upper Public School?

The whole of Main Arm Upper Public School was impacted by flood waters. The site is currently closed while remediation and rectification work continues. Work is underway to establish a temporary, 'pop-up' school on the Main Arm Upper Public School grounds so students can return to their usual site as soon as possible.

It was originally hoped that the temporary school would be available for use in early Term 2 but work has been delayed due to intermittent bouts of heavy rain, ongoing flooding of causeways across access roads, and challenging site conditions.

It is now anticipated that the temporary school will be ready for use during the week commencing Monday 30 May 2022 or shortly thereafter. This is however subject to fine weather and the contractors being able to access the site safely.

'Make safe' work and temporary school

- Flood-affected areas of Main Arm Upper Public School have been cleaned and secured.
- Power and data services have been reinstated.
- Temporary buildings have been delivered to the site and are being readied for use.

'Make good' rectification of damaged permanent facilities

- Tenders have opened for the procurement of a main works contractor to rectify damage and refurbish flood-impacted facilities and spaces.
- Tender evaluations and award of the main works contract are forecast to be complete by July 2022.
- The forecast completion of the main works program is early 2023, pending site and weather conditions and availability of resources.

What else is happening in the region?

The local School Infrastructure NSW office has inspected all schools in flood-impacted areas and has removed rubbish, cleaned and secured affected sites to ensure they are safe. Teams are repairing and remediating schools that were damaged during the floods and assessing works needed to rebuild the worst affected schools.

Where possible, students are learning at their usual school sites, while some schools have been relocated to alternative sites so that their learning can continue while school repairs or rebuild works are underway.

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