



An example of flexible a learning space

# Empire Vale Public School

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## 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 learning environments and core facilities that will support the long term needs of the local community. Students will continue learning from Southern Cross Public School in Ballina while the school is being rebuilt.

## Current Status

- The project is in the planning phase with specialist and technical consultants visiting the school and providing recommendations around issues such as flooding and heritage, geotechnical and planning advice. This advice will inform the final design of the school buildings and grounds.
- An architect has commenced design of the school buildings in consultation with the school Principal and has considered the needs and requirements provided during the post-flood school engagement period. Final designs will be shared with the school community during the consultation process.

## Next Steps

- The main works contractor engagement is expected to be awarded by the end of 2022. The builder will further the design and build Empire Vale Public School.
- School Infrastructure NSW and the project team will work with Empire Vale Public School to finalise the design of the new school buildings and surrounding areas.
- In early 2023, information will be provided to the school and will include a forecast construction schedule, design consultation outcomes, planning pathways and expected completion.

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.

The SINSW team wishes you and your family a great summer break and we will be in contact again in T1, 2023.