# **Empire Vale Public School**

Flood Recovery Update

October 2022

## Rebuilding Empire Vale Public School

The 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.

The school grounds which were damaged by the flood will also be repaired.

Empire Vale Public School students will continue learning from Southern Cross Public School while their school is being rebuilt.

#### **Current status**

- A project team has been appointed and is working on the project planning.
- Specialist and technical consultants have visited the school and provided recommendations around issues such as flooding and heritage that will help inform the final design of the new school buildings and surrounding area. This includes geotechnical and planning advice.
- An architect was appointed and has held a meeting with the Principal and Director, Educational Leadership (DEL) about the needs of the school and the community, which will inform the master planning process.
- Consultation has also taken place with the Principal to capture the elements that will inform the Masterplan. Engagement and consultation with the school Principal and DEL regarding the masterplan process will intensify over the coming months. The final designs will be shared with the school community at the completion of the consultation process.

# **Next steps**

- The contract will be awarded to a Builder in November. The Builder will further the design and be responsible for building of 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.
- Specialist and technical consultants will continue to visit the site during the planning and construction phases.

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.

We thank you for your patience as we work through this important program of work. We will continue to share information with you as work progresses.

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