Crabbes Creek Public School

Remediation and Repair Update

Supporting flood-impacted schools

School Infrastructure NSW at seven schools across the Northern Rivers, following the flood event in early 2022. The works are being managed by Public Works and will deliver refurbished and repaired buildings and spaces that support student learning and teaching.

What is happening at Crabbes Creek Public School?

Crabbes Creek Public School suffered damage as a result of flood events with water entering all buildings and playgrounds on the site. Bennett Constructions was appointed in June 2022 to undertake the construction and remediation works. Students, teachers, and administration staff are currently operating out of four temporary demountable classrooms and spaces, with an additional demountable bathroom facility being used on site.

Current status

- The school grounds have been remediated and are now being used.
- Bonded asbestos containing material was removed over the September school holidays according to the SafeWorks NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.
- The new softfall and play equipment will be installed in early Term 1, 2023.
- Two flood affected classrooms, the library, and the canteen, will be fitted out and equipped by early 2023.
- Flood impacted classrooms/administration buildings (blocks A and B) and the canteen building (block C) will be raised to National Construction Code compliance level over the December/January school holiday period.

Next steps

The forecast completion of the main works program is during Term 2, 2023, pending site and weather conditions, and availability of resources.

What else is happening in the region?

With the cleaning and 'make safe' stage complete, students have been face to face learning either at their own school site in permanent or temporary buildings, or on an alternate site in temporary demountable classrooms since the end of Term 1, 2022. As refurbishment and repair works progress, damaged facilities are being returned to affected schools for normal use. In addition to the remediation and repair program for the seven schools being managed by Public Works, nine schools are in the planning stages of being rebuilt.

We will continue to share information with you as the program of works progresses. We thank you for your patience during works.

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