

Robertson Public School

Project update | May 2026

Dear staff, parents and carers,

The NSW Department of Education is aware of the ongoing management of structural issues, mould and water leaks at Robertson Public School.

We are committed to finding a long-term solution for the school community. Executive Director of Asset Management Dean Slattery met with the P&C and school principal on Monday 11 May 2026, to better understand the needs and concerns of the school community.

The department will be organising monthly formal project meetings with the school principal and P&C leadership to keep the school community informed.

Work underway

On Thursday 7 May and Friday 8 May 2026 we delivered 3 demountables to the school and installation has begun. One demountable will provide administration facilities and the remaining 2 will provide additional classrooms. It is expected that these demountables will be in operation by the end of May 2026, weather permitting. This will help to minimise any future disruptions to learning.

On Monday 18 May 2026 an independent hygienist inspected the entire school including testing for moisture. Any rooms that recorded high moisture levels will receive a follow-up hygienist inspection and testing for mould.

The department is guided by the expert advice of the independent hygienist, and will follow the advice provided by them

As winter approaches we are looking into temporary solutions such as dehumidifiers and heaters to ensure comfortable learning environments while reducing the risk of mould.

The department advises that cross-ventilation is used in classrooms when using dehumidifiers and heaters where possible. This will support good air quality in classrooms, maximise air movement and reduce the risk of mould growth.

Previous work

We have completed a number of works in recent years to address these issues including:

- replaced the water piping that delivers water to the school
- replaced roofs on buildings
- cleaned mould
- installed under floor mechanical ventilation in Buildings A and B
- completed building works to minimise moisture.



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NSW Health advises that mould spores are present virtually everywhere, both indoors and outdoors, and mould is part of a group of very common organisms called fungi that also include mushrooms and yeast.

Further information can be found on the [NSW Health Mould Fact sheet](#).

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the NSW Department of Education using the details below.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this important work.

What makes Robertson Public School interesting?

Robertson Public School sits in the regional NSW town of Robertson which was previously covered by a temperate rainforest. The historic presence of the rainforest means Robertson receives up to 1.7 metres of rainfall per year. At more than 150 years old, the school is a central part of Robertson and embodies much of what is great about regional NSW – including a school cookbook which is being published later this year.