



Blakebrook Public School

Project update | February 2024

Project overview

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better, with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School.

The project will deliver new, modern flood resilient classrooms and school facilities, including a library, canteen and administration areas. It will also include landscaping, tree planting, an undercover learning area and yarning circle.

Students are currently learning from temporary school buildings on the Blakebrook Public School grounds. From Term 2 2024, Blakebrook Public school and staff will move to Goolmangar Public School.

Progress summary

- Development Applications (DA) have been lodged with Lismore City Council for the demolition of flood damaged buildings and rebuilding the school. The DA for construction is currently on [public exhibition on Council's website](http://public.exhibition.on.councils.website) - <http://tracker.lismore.nsw.gov.au/home> (application number 5.2023.337.1)
- Preparation is continuing for the start of construction. This includes development of designs for the upgrade of the school's power supply.
- The installation of the additional facilities at Goolmangar Public School to support students and staff, is underway, including a demountable classroom, administration building and toilets. The buildings will be connected to the sewer and main power.



Next steps

- Demolition of the flood affected buildings will begin once the necessary approvals are in place and students and staff have transitioned to Goolmangar Public School.
- The contract for the off-site manufacturing of the new Blakebrook Public School buildings has been awarded and manufacturing will commence shortly. The off-site manufacturing of the school will continue concurrently with the planning approval process.
- Construction and installation of the new buildings will begin when all planning approvals are in place and the demolition is complete. We are expecting the rebuild to be completed by the end of 2024, subject to development approval.

Temporary school arrangements

Moving students and staff temporarily to Goolmangar Public School while Blakebrook Public School is rebuilt, will allow teaching and learning to continue with minimal disruptions and allow the school to be rebuilt sooner.

We are working closely with the school to make the transition to Goolmangar Public School as smooth as possible for students, staff and parents/carers.

We expect the temporary buildings to be complete by early April, which will allow the school to familiarise students and staff with new environment before they move.

Blakebrook Public School's learning resources and extra furniture are scheduled to be moved during the April school holidays, ready for the first day of Term 2 2024.

The Department is working with the school, Transport NSW and the regional bus companies to provide an additional bus to transport students between Blakebrook Public School and Goolmangar Public School. We will provide parents with more detail about changes to buses, parking and drop off areas in the coming weeks.

