



An example of flexible a learning space

Condong Public School

Project update | December 2023

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 Condong Public School, after it was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022.

Progress summary

The department is reviewing options for rebuilding Condong Public School. These include, rebuilding at Condong Public School or, if this is not possible, rebuilding on the former Murwillumbah South Infants School site or looking for a new location.

Consultation sessions were held with school staff and parents on 27 November 2023 to seek their feedback on the options, and how we can improve the Murwillumbah South Infants site for teaching and learning in the short term. More than 40 people attended the sessions, and 27 people responded to an online survey.

Key themes from the consultation:

- Parents/carers and staff support rebuilding on the Condong Public School site, with raised buildings to make them flood resilient and limit disruptions from potential future flooding.
- If an alternative site is required, the preference is that it be located within the Condong catchment.
- The former Murwillumbah South Infants School site has limitations as a long-term school that would need to be addressed, particularly site accessibility, more accessible and functional play space, and parking.

Next steps

Our focus remains rebuilding the school on the original Condong Public School site, although there are planning issues that will need to be addressed for this to occur. We are continuing to investigate site

considerations and planning requirements for rebuilding Condong Public School, including permissible building heights and heritage requirements.

In the meantime, we will work with the school and council to make more improvements to the Murwillumbah South Infants school site, based on staff feedback.

We will share more information with the school and the Condong community during Term 1 2024.

Holiday working hours

The School Infrastructure NSW office will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024, inclusive.

You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return. If there is an urgent issue, please contact the site manager listed on the construction site entry. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).

Thank you for your patience while we undertake this important project.

