

# The Rivers Secondary College

## Flood Recovery Update

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### Supporting flood impacted schools

The NSW Department of Education is coordinating an emergency response effort that is unprecedented in terms of scale and impact. A large number of schools in the Northern Rivers region have damage to either the entire site or some buildings and facilities.

### What is happening at the Richmond River Campus?

The whole Richmond River Campus has been damaged by flood waters and is currently closed for cleaning and remediation.

### Current status

- Richmond River students are learning from the Lismore Campus, which was not impacted.
- Learning is also continuing at the Kadina Campus.
- Planning has started for a temporary, 'pop-up' school for Richmond River students at the Lismore Campus.
- The pop-up school will include general learning spaces, a library, staff rooms, a canteen, a senior study area, toilets and specialist learning spaces for hospitality, woodwork, and metalwork.
- The temporary buildings have been ordered and School Infrastructure NSW are progressing site investigation and preparation work.

### Next steps

- Our current priority is to make sure all students and teachers in the region that have been displaced by flooding have suitable temporary accommodation, which are buildings used as teaching and learning spaces as well as other core facilities.
- Teams are working as quickly as possible, while prioritising the safety of our students, staff and contractors
- Planning and due diligence is underway to understand the full scope of work required at the Richmond River Campus to meet local needs for permanent education infrastructure.

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

### What else is happening in the region

The School Infrastructure regional office has inspected all schools in flood impacted areas. We continue to work with emergency response organisations to remove rubbish, clean and secure affected sites.

Many school sites have been able to resume operating, while some students have been relocated to alternative sites so that their learning can continue. Our current priority is to source, deliver, install and handover temporary buildings to accommodate displaced students. The timing of all work and handover of temporary spaces is subject to local weather conditions.

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