



An example of flexible a learning space

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

Progress summary

Students are continuing to learn from temporary school buildings on the Tumbulgum Public School site while work is underway to finalise the extent of refurbishment and rebuilding needed at the school.

As part of this work, we are working with architects, engineers, cost consultants and town planners to develop a shortlist of options for how we rebuild the school.

Due to recent planning changes, we are closely reviewing the additional risk, complexity, and timeframe for achieving planning approval by either adding new buildings, or raising and refurbishing the existing buildings. This planning analysis also requires a technical review of the building heights, heritage considerations and accessibility.

The lower risk option is to refurbish the existing buildings and replace the toilet block. All options incorporate the retention of the heritage listed original school building (Building A) in a way that meets modern educational standards and respects the heritage of building.

Next steps

We will continue to work with the school to make sure that Tumbulgum Public School remains a great place for teaching and learning. Once the long-term plans for Tumbulgum Public School are confirmed we will share the designs with the Tumbulgum Public School community.

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.