



# Wardell Public School

Project update | March 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 Wardell Public School, which was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022.

The project will deliver new modern flood resilient classrooms and school facilities, including a library, canteen, and administration area, an undercover learning area, yarning circle and landscaping to complement Wardell Public School's surroundings.

## Progress summary

- Planning approval for rebuilding the school was received in December 2023.
- Demolition of the flood affected school buildings and earthworks have been completed.
- The construction team are currently installing the screw piles. These are long steel columns that will form the base of foundations for the new building.
- Detailed design the school spaces and landscaping have been a finalised in consultation with the school through the Project Reference Group (PRG). Feedback from our Connecting with Country consultation in late 2023 is also being incorporated into the rebuilt school.
- Offsite construction of the new school buildings is 25% complete (see photo overleaf).

## Next steps

- The off-site construction will continue. Once the buildings are complete, they will be dismantled and transported to Wardell for installation. This may impact on local roads. We will advise the community ahead of time.
- We anticipate the school be ready for Wardell Public School students and staff to move into mid-2024. We will work with the school to provide more information about the transition back to the newly rebuilt school as the date approaches.

## Tree removal

The asset management team is intending to remove two camphor laurel trees from the school construction zone as part of our school maintenance program. The trees are significantly overhanging neighbouring properties. An arborist has recommended they be removed due to the extent of pruning required to reduce the impact of the trees on school neighbours.

## Working hours

Working hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and to 1pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays, unless otherwise advised.

## Stay informed

We will keep the Wardell Public School community updated as we rebuild Wardell Public School. You can also stay informed and find our Project Updates on the [School Infrastructure NSW website](#).

If you have questions or concerns you can also contact us via 1300 482 651 or [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au).



Caption: The school's structural frame is now complete. Next stage will be adding the roof and facade.



