

Lismore South Public School

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Rebuilding Lismore South Public School

Dear staff, parents/carers,

Planning is progressing for rebuilding Lismore South Public School and Lismore South Public School Preschool – Ngulliboo Jarjums.

Progress summary

- A Project Reference Group (PRG) has been established to seek the Lismore South Public School community's input into planning for the school rebuild, as well as school design. It includes the Lismore South Public-School Principal, a P&C representative as well as Director of Education Leadership for the Lismore Network and a member of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). The PRG held its first meeting on 10 October 2023 to provide the project architect with feedback about a masterplan for the school.
- Our consultants have started a review of recently updated flood modelling for the area and additional due diligence activities on the existing site to inform upcoming discussions with Lismore City Council and the State Emergency Services about the viability of rebuilding back on the Phyllis Street site.

These discussions and assessments will confirm if a school on the site can meet planning, flood height and emergency provision requirements. Assessments will also consider the safety and cost implications of future flood events at the site.

Next steps

- If investigations confirm that rebuilding on the site is viable, we will continue to work with the PRG to finalise the masterplan and designs for school and preschool, before seeking planning approvals and starting construction.
- If due diligence investigations conclude that the Phyllis Street site is not viable, a new location will be found for the school. A review of potential alternatives is already underway, should this be required.
- We will hold an information session to update the Lismore South Public-School community once these investigations are finalised.

Please be assured that rebuilding Lismore South Public School is a priority and we are working towards this goal as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing patience.

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