



An example of flexible a learning space

Broadwater Public School

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What is happening at Broadwater Public School?

A project is underway to rebuild Broadwater Public School after it was damaged by floods in early 2022. The project will deliver new modern and flexible learning environments and core facilities that will support the long-term needs of the local community. Students will continue learning from temporary demountable classrooms at Evans River Community School while the school is being rebuilt.

Current Status

- The master planning and concept design phases are complete.
- An Information Session was held at the Broadwater Community Centre on 17 August 2023 whereby the project team were on hand to answer questions and artist impressions of the new school were on display
- To review the information pack and display boards please visit the [project website](#) or follow the QR code.

Next Steps

- Await planning approval
- Finalise schematic design.



Information Session Feedback

The Broadwater Public School Information Session was an amazing success with over 40 people viewing the designs and speaking with the team. It was great to see the community catching up with one another and talking about the school and its future. We received a lot of positive feedback on the design and some comments that will be taken into consideration as we work to finalise the design. Some of the positive comments we received included:

- Loved the design and the fact that the 'love tree' has been incorporated
- The area under the school will be fantastic for the community to gather for events
- Be great to have the school back to add life back into the town.

Some community members expressed concerns about drainage from the school site impacting nearby properties. These concerns are addressed through the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and include detailed drainage plans. A copy of the REF has now been sent to all neighbouring properties.

There were also questions raised about the potential for increased enrolments at Broadwater Public School. The project team provided information on how the replacement school size is calculated and how the design allows for future buildings to be incorporated if enrolments in the area increase.

Another concern raised during the information session related to the glass door dividing the classrooms and possible distractions for students. The project team is currently investigating frosting for these doors to reduce the potential for distractions. These details will be finalised during the schematic design phase in consultation with the Broadwater Public School teaching staff.

Rebuilding Broadwater Public School is forecast to take approximately two years. Completion is expected in 2024 but will depend on the planning approval, builder's schedule, weather and site conditions and the availability of resources. We will do whatever we can to complete the project sooner.

Keeping in Touch

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will continue to keep the community up to date with project updates, works notifications and information sessions, at each critical phase of the development.

The SINSW team thanks the community for their patience while we consult all the relevant stakeholders to ensure the best outcome for the school and the community.



The next two photos show some of the attendees at the Broadwater Public School Information Session



