

Condong Public School

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 Condong Public School

The whole Condong Public School site has been damaged by flood waters and is currently closed for cleaning and remediation.

Current status

- Planning is underway to temporarily relocate students and staff from both Condong Public School and Possums Community Preschool to the former Murwillumbah South Infants School site.
- Work has started to prepare the buildings and grounds at Murwillumbah South for use.
- Temporary buildings have been ordered to provide the extra spaces needed for learning, administration staff, and the preschool.
- Work will start soon to prepare the ground and build footings for temporary buildings.

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 Condong Public School site 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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