

# Lismore South 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 Lismore South Public School

The whole of Lismore South Public School, including most second storey spaces, was impacted by flood waters. The Lismore South Preschool was also inundated with water. The site is currently closed for cleaning and remediation.

### Current status

- Primary school and preschool students are currently learning at Goonellabah Public School.
- Work has started to put a temporary, 'pop-up' school on the Lismore South Public School grounds so students can return to their usual site as soon as possible.
- The pop-up school will include teaching and learning spaces, a canteen, a library, toilets, administration office and out of school hours care (OSHC) facilities. A separate temporary building will also be provided for the preschool.
- The temporary buildings have been ordered and School Infrastructure NSW is progressing site investigation and preparation work for the pop-up school.

### 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 scope of work required at the Lismore South 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 local School Infrastructure NSW 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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