

Empire Vale 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 Empire Vale Public School?

The whole of Empire Vale Public School was impacted by flooding and is still closed for cleaning and remediation.

Due to the extent of damage, students will continue to learn at Southern Cross Public School until the school is rebuilt and operational again.

Current status

- Students are learning from existing classrooms at Southern Cross Public School.
- The Empire Vale Public School site has been made safe. The school has been cleaned, walls and classrooms have been stripped out and the site has been secured.
- Planning is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School to cater for the future learning and teaching needs of the school community.

Next steps

Planning and due diligence is underway to understand the scope of work required at the school site to meet local needs for permanent education infrastructure.

School Infrastructure NSW will hold a school community information session for the Empire Vale Public School community in coming weeks.

The information session will provide the community with updates on the extent of damage at the school, options for repair and replacement of buildings on the site, and future community engagement activities.

What else is happening in the region?

The local School Infrastructure NSW office has inspected all schools in flood-impacted areas and has removed rubbish, cleaned and secured affected sites to ensure they are safe. Teams are repairing and remediating schools that were damaged during the floods and assessing works needed to rebuild the worst affected schools.

Where possible, students are learning at their usual school sites, while some schools have been relocated to alternative sites so that their learning can continue while school repairs or rebuild works are underway.

We thank you for your patience during this important program of work. We will continue to share information with you as work progresses.

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