

Murwillumbah East 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 Murwillumbah East Public School?

Some areas of the Murwillumbah East Public School site were impacted by flood waters, including:

- ground level sections of buildings
- demountables
- the canteen
- the General Assistant's space
- paved areas and play spaces.

Students have returned to learning at the school in unaffected areas. Some areas remain out of bounds.

Current status

- Damaged furniture, fittings and resources have been removed and the entire school has been sanitised.
- Work has started to repair and remediate flood-damaged spaces and facilities.
- Ground floor spaces were repaired in the holidays to avoid disruptions to school operations.
- The canteen is being made safe and ready for refurbishment.
- The school grounds and play spaces are being remediated for use by students in Term 2.
- Demountable classrooms have been stripped and are being repaired.
- School Infrastructure NSW will continue to monitor for ongoing issues that can be associated with water inundation.

Next steps

The availability of trades and materials are impacting reconstruction efforts across flood-affected schools, however, teams are working as quickly as possible to complete the works at Murwillumbah East Public School, while prioritising the safety of students, staff and contractors.

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 now concentrating on repairing and remediating schools that were damaged during the floods and assessing works needed to rebuild the worst affected schools.

Most students are back at their usual schools, while some students have been relocated to alternative sites so that their learning can continue while school repairs or rebuilding is 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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