

Main Arm Upper Public School

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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 their entire site or some buildings and facilities.

At the peak of the flood events on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 331 schools had temporarily ceased operations.

The local North Coast School Infrastructure NSW office inspected 87 schools in the region that sustained a degree of impact from flood waters.

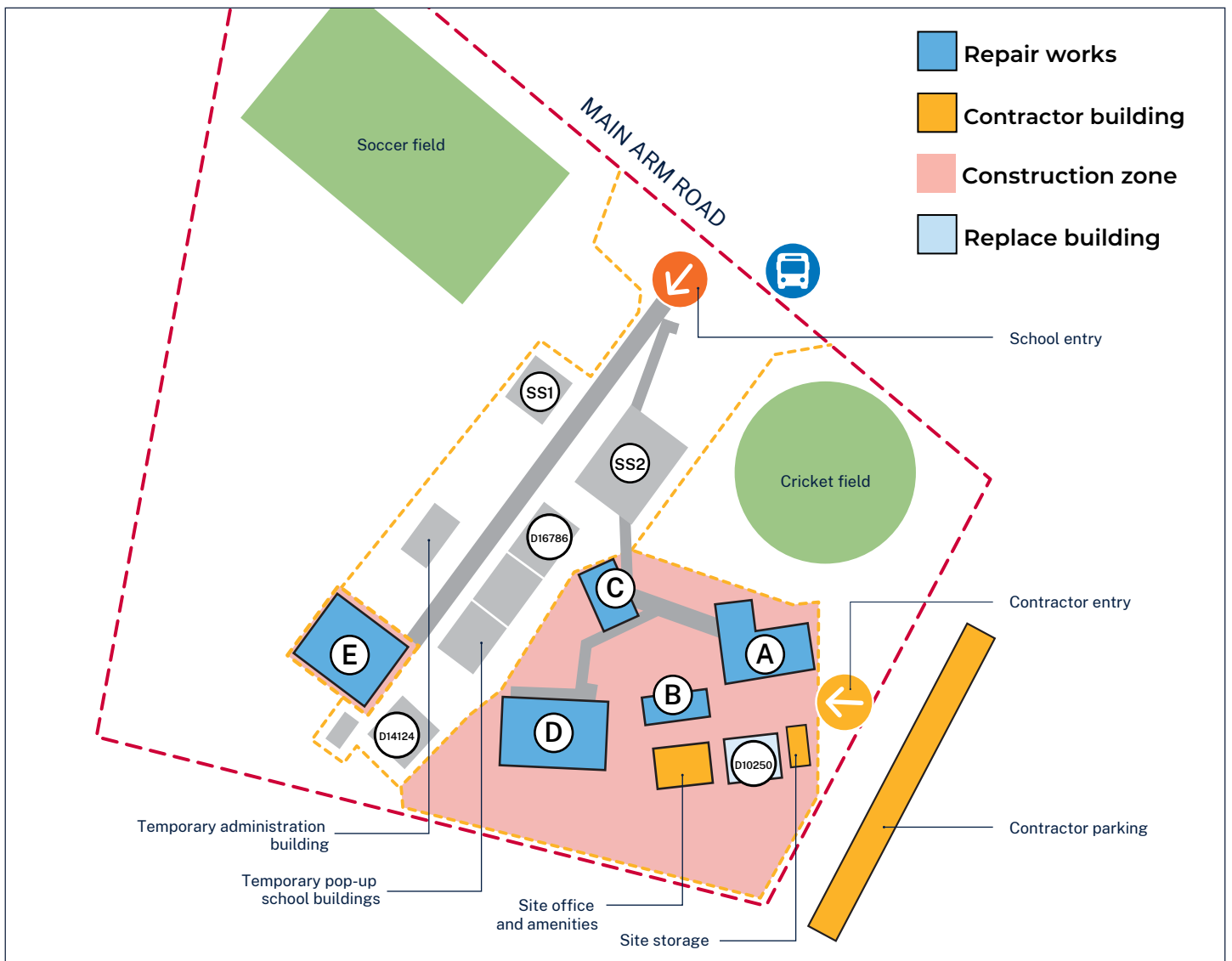
Individual impact assessments were undertaken at 52 affected public school sites, each requiring the removal of rubbish, cleaning and securing to ensure they were safe for entry.

Main Arm Upper Public School suffered extensive damage as a result of the flood events, with high velocity water entering many of the buildings and inundating the grounds on the site.

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What has happened so far?

- The main works contract was awarded in June 2022 to remediate flood-impacted facilities and spaces.
- Temporary pop-up school includes classrooms, toilets, library and administration buildings, and was operational from Term 3, 2022.
- Buildings A (classroom), B (toilets), C (canteen and storeroom), D (administration and classroom) and D10250 (library) all had extensive damage and required significant work to be ready for students.
- Contractors secured and removed the badly damaged library (Building D10250).
- Building D14124 was repaired and is again an operational classroom.
- Building D16786 was cleaned and fitted out to be a temporary classroom. Additional demountable buildings have been installed while the remediation works are in progress.
- All contents and internal linings have been removed from Buildings B and D for mould restoration activities and clearance.
- Building C demolition has begun, with design for a new building to house the canteen and student cooking space in progress.
- New and improved room layouts for all buildings have been discussed with the school, including modifications to the administration area.
- The kindergarten (Building E) had mould-impacted linings removed, mould restoration underway, and heaters/dehumidifiers in place to lower the moisture content.
- Shade structures (SS1 and SS2) were cleaned and disinfected, while both sports fields have been graded and turfed.
- Softfall bark has been installed in SS1 playground.
- Public utilities (e.g. water, sewerage) have been reconfigured to support temporary school. Further work to ensure all services are restored to the school will be done during remediation works.



What work is happening at Main Arm Upper Public School?

Work is expected to start mid Term 3, 2022 to repair flood-damaged rooms and outdoor spaces.

Building	Summary of works
Classroom (Building A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip-out and mould restoration Regrade external pathways or minor building raising to reduce future flood impacts Layout design, fit-out interior/fittings (e.g. carpet, lighting, furniture, seating, desks, etc)
Toilets (Building B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip-out and mould restoration Interior refurbishment
Canteen and storeroom (Building C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace and reposition Exterior cladding to reflect the character of the original building Layout design, fit-out interior/fittings
Administration and classroom (Building D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip-out and mould restoration Subfloor work to improve ventilation, drainage and flood-resilience Modify layout design, fit-out interior/fittings
Kindergarten (Building E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial internal strip-out and mould restoration Walls to be re-lined and interior painted Layout design, fit-out interior/fittings
Library (Building D10250)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be reinstated in a demountable building
Classroom (Building D16786)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be reinstated as a classroom
Sports fields (soccer and cricket)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish turfing Stormwater work
Shade structures (SS1 and SS2) and covered walkways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install new sandpit next to SS1 Stormwater and drainage work
School grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater work Landscape design, turf, planting, vegetable beds and ground repairs

How long will the work take?

We anticipate work to be completed in mid 2023, pending site and weather conditions.



Note: Ongoing weather, supply chain and contractor shortages are also affecting building projects across the Northern Rivers region.



Modernising our school spaces for students and staff

- Building A and the canteen will be modified to make them more flood-resilient.
- Flood-damaged buildings will be modernised in line with the latest construction and design standards for school spaces.
- The project team is working with Main Arm Upper Public School to provide flexible classroom layouts that meet future-focused learning models.
- Colour selections, furniture and internal designs are currently being decided by the school with designers.

Managing work on-site

Students will continue to learn from Main Arm Upper Public School while work is underway.

- Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the work.
- Security fencing and hoarding has been installed to separate the construction site from the rest of the school.
- Contractors will enter the site via dedicated entryways and have designated parking.
- The project team will work with the school to ensure activity is scheduled to avoid busy times and important events, as much as possible.

Keeping you informed

Work at Main Arm Upper Public School is being managed by School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works and co-ordinated by the building contractor.

We are committed to working with the Main Arm Upper community throughout the project lifecycle.

Standard working hours will be 7am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays, however, if there's a need (e.g. safely remediating contaminated materials), the community will be notified.

Neighbours and the community will be notified of any work that has the potential to impact surrounding roads.

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information with the Main Arm Upper community as work progresses, through regular project updates.

We thank you for your patience during this important of work.

Contact us



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