

# Empire Vale Public School

## Works notification | 11 March 2025

The heavy rain and wind that came with ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, has impacted a number of schools across the Northern Rivers.

School Infrastructure has been working through a program of inspections and works to make sure all schools are safe and prepared for the return of students.

### Rectifying weather impacts

Empire Vale Public School did not experience significant damage or flooding, and the school roof remained sound and watertight throughout the weather event.

The heavy rainfall caused water to overflow from the gutters, leading to pooling on the upper level of the school. This excess water entered learning spaces under the doors, damaging the carpet tiles.

As soon as contractors were able to get to the school, all wet carpet was removed and the underfloor was dried using fans.

Dry carpet was put down temporarily in classrooms so that students could safely return to learning at the school on Tuesday 11 March. The shared learning common between the classrooms is currently out of use.

Over the coming week a hygienist will visit the site to inspect the underfloor in all affected areas and confirm it is fully dry. Once the clearance certificate is provided, the areas will be permanently recarpeted and returned to use.

Looking further ahead, School Infrastructure is working with its building contractors to determine what changes need to be made to guttering and storm water drainage to make sure this situation does not arise again in future.

### Find out more

If you have any questions about these works, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.



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