



Empire Vale Public School

Project update | December 2023

Project overview

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities. As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School, which was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022.

The project will deliver new modern flood resilient classrooms and school facilities, including a library, canteen, administration area, undercover learning, a yarning circle and landscaping to complement the school's surroundings.

Progress summary

- All planning approvals for rebuilding Empire Vale Public School have been granted.
- Detailed design is almost complete. Consultation with the Project Reference Group (PRG) is underway.
- A Connecting with Country workshop was held on 22 November 2023 to explore how local Aboriginal heritage and Nyangbul Culture and Bundjalung Country should be respected, valued and embedded throughout the design of the new school.

Next steps

Demolition of the old school is scheduled to begin during the week commencing Monday 11 December 2023. We expect demolition work will be finished by the end of December 2023.

Site clearance and ground works are expected to commence in January 2024, weather and site conditions permitting. This will include tree removal, piling, and in-ground services. Some planted trees will need to be removed to allow for the installation of new school fire tanks, which are a safety requirement.

Working hours

Standard working hours are **7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am -1pm on Saturdays**. We will work to ensure that all works are carried out safely and efficiently and will minimise impacts to the community at every opportunity.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

Holiday working hours

The site will be closed between 5pm Friday 22 December 2023 and 7am, Monday 8 January 2024. Construction will restart from 8 January 2023 and take place within the approved construction hours.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from 5 pm Friday 22 December 2023 to 9 am Monday 8 January 2024, inclusive, in line with the NSW Government shut down period.

You can continue to contact us during this time, and we will get back to you after we return. If there is an urgent issue, please contact the site manager listed on the construction site entry. In an emergency, please call triple zero (000).

