

Murwillumbah East Public School Project update | April 2025

Image caption: Example of new classrooms recently built at other public schools across the region.



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As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world-class public education.

Project overview

Planning is continuing for the construction of new permanent, flood resilient facilities at Murwillumbah East Public School. The project will provide new classrooms, a canteen and facilities for specialist support classes. The project will also enable all demountable buildings to be removed from the school.

Progress summary

- We are currently working with the school executive and local Directors of Educational Leadership to make sure we fully understand educational and operational priorities so the scope and design of new facilities meets the schools needs now and for the future.
- We are on track to engage the specialist consultants required to progress the design and statutory planning application for the project.
- While planning is underway for the new facilities, work is continuing to deliver immediate improvements at the school. This includes removal of a small amount of asbestos containing material from the school during the upcoming holiday period. Please see overleaf for further information.
- We are also preparing to deliver LED lighting and air-cooling upgrades in existing classrooms.

Next steps

- Community information sessions are proposed towards the end of Term 2 so that we can share more information and listen to feedback.



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Remediation works

During the upcoming school holidays, specialist contractors will be on site removing a small amount of asbestos containing material from ground floor ceiling linings and balconies on the top floor of the main school building at Murwillumbah East Public School.

The material has been confirmed as bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

Work to remove the asbestos containing material will take place on 14 April 2025 and there will be no students or school staff on site during this time.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws, and the NSW Department of Education Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The area will be inspected by the independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and a clearance certificate will be issued before the area is returned to use by the school.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority.

For more information about asbestos, visit the NSW Health website:
health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets

More information



You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/MurwillumbahEastPS-Upgrade or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours using the contact details below.