

Richmond River High Campus

Project update | November 2025

Image caption: Artist's impression of new campus buildings



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood affected schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

Funding for the school projects has also been provided by the Infrastructure Betterment Fund, which is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Project overview

As part of this commitment a project is underway to rebuild the Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus (RRHC) after it was extensively damaged by floods in 2022.

The new, more flood resilient campus will be relocated to a new site at North Lismore and will include modern classrooms, specialist and support classrooms, library, multi-purpose hall, VET construction and hospitality facilities, agricultural facilities, sports fields and performance spaces.

Progress summary

We are excited to update you on two significant milestones in the rebuilding of Richmond River High Campus:

- Hutchison Builders has been appointed as the contractor to undertake the campus rebuild; and
- Ministerial authorisation (planning approval) has been granted to rebuild the campus at the new Dunoon Road site.

Now that a builder has been appointed, we are working with the school and construction team to finalise the construction program and detailed campus design. This process includes incorporating feedback from the school and continuing the Connecting with Country consultation.



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Next Steps

Early site works are expected to commence shortly, including site fencing and further geotechnical investigations.

The main construction works are scheduled to begin on-site in early Term 1, with the project progressing towards completion in time for learning to commence at the new campus during 2027.

Lake Street update

As shared with the campus community and Lake Street neighbours, demolition of the fire damaged school building at Lake Street commenced on 2 November 2025. At the request of council, the school's foundation stone and brick entry steps will be preserved on site to commemorate the building's location and history.

We will work with the school team on the best way of properly commemorating the Lake Street campus at the new Dunoon Road site.

More information



You can find more information about the project at edu.nsw.link/RichmondRiverHC or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.