

Tumbulgum Public School

Project update | May 2025

Image caption: Artist's impression Tumbulgum Public School



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 Tumbulgum Public School after it was extensively damaged during floods in early 2022. The project will deliver a raised and more flood resilient school for students and staff, with modern classrooms, a new library, canteen, administration spaces, and landscaping.

Progress summary

Now that planning approvals are in place, we are working to rebuild Tumbulgum Public School as quickly as possible.

- The flood affected school buildings have been demolished and the site is being cleared ready for construction. Important school items are being kept safe until the school is rebuilt, and some materials have been salvaged for potential reuse as part of a Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the school.
- The school celebrated the start of rebuilding with a sod turning ceremony on Friday 2 May. Thank you to all the parents, neighbours and community members who helped celebrate such an important milestone. We would also like to thank Aunty Dale Williams for providing a wonderful Welcome to Country. You can read the [NSW Government's media release here](#).
- The Tumbulgum Public School building modules are being manufactured offsite. Photos of the progress are on page 3. We've also uploaded a 3D artist's impression video of what your school will look like when it is rebuilt to our Tumbulgum Public School project page. [You can watch the video here](#).



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Turning the first sod to mark the start of construction at Tumbulgum Public School



Tumbulgum Public School students, staff, and friends celebrating a big milestone!

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Next steps

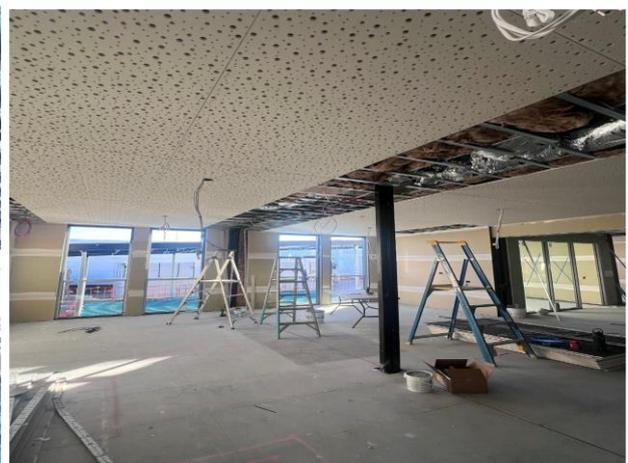
As communicated previously, we have found asbestos containing material underneath the school buildings. Remediation of this material is continuing. You can find out more about how this is being managed in our [Works Notification on 5 May 2025](#).

Once all remediation is complete and the site is fully cleared, we will begin civil and earthworks in preparation for the new school buildings. This work will require the use of larger excavators and rollers on site, which may cause some low level noise. We will work with the school to minimise any impact of this work, which should be completed by the end of May, weather permitting.

Once these works are completed we will install the screw piles that will support the new Tumbulgum Public School buildings, followed by:

- delivery and installation of the steel gantry and school buildings
- school fit out
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and services connection
- landscaping.

We are expecting to complete the new flood resilient Tumbulgum Public School in late 2025, weather permitting, and look forward to celebrating the day with students, staff and the local community.



Tumbulgum Public School buildings being manufactured offsite

More information



You can find more information about the project, including updates, videos and photos at edu.nsw.link/TumbulgumPS or by scanning the QR code to the left.

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