

Cabbage Tree Island Public School

Flood Recovery Update

August, 2022

Supporting flood impacted schools

The NSW Department of Education is coordinating an emergency response effort that is unprecedented in terms of scale and impact. A large number of schools in the Northern Rivers region have damage to either the entire site or some buildings and facilities.

What is happening at Cabbage Tree Island Public School

The whole Cabbage Tree Island Public School site was significantly damaged by flood waters. The site is currently closed, with students learning from Southern Cross Distance Education School in Ballina. The Cabbage Tree Island Preschool was also impacted and has been relocated temporarily to Southern Cross Distance Education School.

Current status

- Cabbage Tree Island Public School and Cabbage Tree Island Pre-school will be rebuilt at their current location.
- A temporary school is being installed at the Wardell Recreation Centre for Cabbage Tree Island students to learn from while their school is rebuilt at Cabbage Tree Island.
- The temporary school at Wardell will include classrooms, administration area, toilets and play spaces, as well as separate learning and play spaces for pre-school staff and students.
- Students are expected to be able to move to the temporary Wardell site during Term 3.

Next steps

- Work will begin installing the temporary school at Wardell Public School from July 27.
- Tenders for the main works contractor who will oversee the rebuilding of Cabbage Tree Island Public School are being assessed. The contract will be awarded in August.
- The rebuilding of Cabbage Tree Island is expected to take 18-24 months and will be undertaken in consultation with the local community. Completion is expected in 2024.

We thank you for your patience as we work through this huge program of work. We will continue to share information with you as work progresses.

What else is happening in the region

School Infrastructure NSW is working with local communities to rebuild or repair 21 flood affected schools across the Northern Rivers.

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