

Crabbes Creek Public School

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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 their entire site or some buildings and facilities.

At the peak of the flood events on Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 331 schools had temporarily ceased operations.

The local North Coast School Infrastructure NSW office inspected 87 schools in the region that sustained a degree of impact from flood waters.

Individual impact assessments were undertaken at 52 affected public school sites, each requiring the removal of rubbish, cleaning and securing to ensure they were safe for entry.

Crabbes Creek Public School suffered damage as a result of the flood events, with water entering lower lying buildings and playgrounds on the site.

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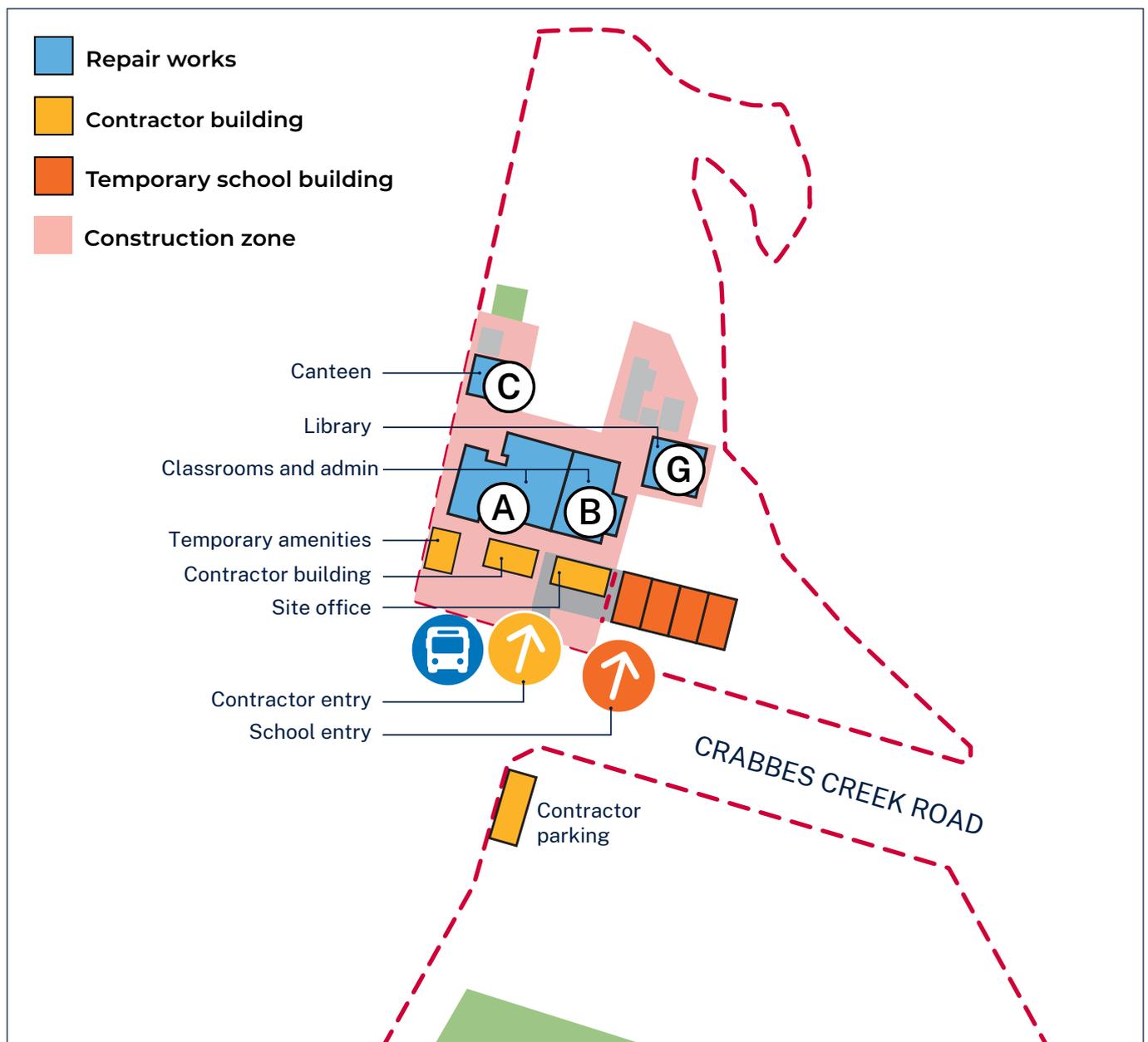
Every building on the Crabbes Creek Public School site was inundated with flood water and will require mould restoration and building reinstatement work.

School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works are working with the school to remediate the flood damaged buildings and provide modern school spaces that meet the needs of students and staff at Crabbes Creek Public School now and into the future.

What has happened so far?

So that students could return to the school by Day 1 Term 2, 2022:

- Four demountable classrooms have been installed in the car park area of the school to allow students to continue learning at Crabbes Creek Public School while the flood reconstruction is underway.
- Toilets have been relined and made operational. New demountable toilets will be installed to allow the full repair of the permanent facilities.
- The canteen has been cleaned, inspected and cleared for use again.
- Internet and phone connection restored to the school in the demountable buildings. The school server has been moved to a more suitable location as part of the permanent IT infrastructure at Crabbes Creek Public School.
- The site has been secured and made safe.
- The school is working with a loss adjuster to replace flood-damaged resources through insurance.



What work is happening at Crabbes Creek Public School?

Work is expected to start in late Term 3, 2022 to repair flood-damaged rooms and outdoor spaces.

Building	Summary of works
Classroom and admin (Block AB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full internal strip out and mould remediation Building is being raised to National Construction Code height New covered access ramp New fit out and new furniture
Library (Block G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strip out to inundation level to remove any mould contamination Refurbishment New internals and furniture
Canteen (Block C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaired and refurbished Building is being raised
School grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New softfall and play equipment Oval remediation
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbished

Modernising our school spaces for Crabbes Creek students and staff

- The original classroom and administration building (Block AB), and the canteen will be raised to meet National Construction Code standards and make them more flood-resilient.
- Flood-damaged buildings will be modernised in line with the latest design standards for school spaces.
- The project team is working with Crabbes Creek Public School to provide flexible classroom layouts that meet future-focused learning models.
- The internal administration and canteen layouts have been finalised in consultation with the school.

Managing work on-site

Students will continue to learn from Crabbes Creek Public School while work is underway.

- Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the works.
- Security fencing and hoarding will be installed to separate the construction site from the rest of the school.
- Contractors will enter the site via dedicated entryways and have designated parking in Blue Gum Circuit.
- The project team will work with the school to ensure activity is scheduled as much as possible to avoid busy times and important events.



How long will the work take?

We anticipate work to be completed in early 2023, pending site and weather conditions.

The school library will be remediated and repaired as a priority so it can be used by the school while the project is completed.



Note: Ongoing weather, supply chain and contractor shortages are also affecting building projects across the Northern Rivers region.



Keeping you informed

Work at Crabbes Creek Public School is being managed by School Infrastructure NSW and Public Works and co-ordinated by the building contractor.

We are committed to working with the Crabbes Creek community throughout the project lifecycle.

Standard working hours will be 7am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays, however, if there's a need outside these hours (e.g. safely remediating contaminated materials), the community will be notified.

Neighbours and the community will be notified of any work that has the potential to impact on neighbouring roads.

School Infrastructure NSW will continue to share information with the Crabbes Creek community as work progresses, through regular project updates.

We thank you for your patience during this important work.

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