

# Cabbage Tree Island Public School

Flood Recovery Update

September 2022

## What is happening at Cabbage Tree Island Public School

Cabbage Tree Island Public School was extensively damaged by floods in early 2022. Students have been learning from Southern Cross Distance Education School in Ballina, while planning to rebuild the school is underway.

## Temporary Cabbage Tree Island school

A temporary school is being installed at Wardell for Cabbage Tree Island Public School students to learn from while their school is rebuilt. Students are expected to begin learning from the temporary school campus at Wardell in Term 4.

The temporary school will include classrooms, an office, library, toilets, and Out of School Hours Care and a community space as well as separate buildings and play areas for preschool students and staff.

Classrooms and school spaces have now been installed at the temporary school site, and work is being completed on railings, play areas and internal spaces for staff and students, as well as connecting services such as power and sewerage to the school.

To allow Cabbage Tree Island Public School students and staff to move into their temporary school as soon as possible:

- School Infrastructure NSW is providing temporary communications and power to the site so the school does not have to wait until infrastructure is in place for the village precinct, including housing.
- Some buildings will be made ready for students and staff first. The remaining buildings and outdoor areas will be finished in the following weeks.
- Architect specified ramps and walkways as well as the COLA will be built during the summer school holidays.

School Infrastructure NSW is doing everything possible to allow Cabbage Tree Island Public School students to begin learning from the temporary school campus as soon as possible. However, the move in date may be impacted by weather or unexpected issues. Events in the village precinct may also delay access and activities on the school site.

**Accessing the school:** - The school is within the village construction zone. Therefore:

- A boom gate will be in place to allow Cabbage Tree Island Public School parents and carers to drop off and pick up students from the temporary school. Parents, carers and visitors to the school will need to park within designated parking.
- A pathway from the parking area to the school must be used at all times.
- Visitors to the school will need to use the security intercom to be allowed entry to the school.

## Rebuilding Cabbage Tree Island Public School

- A project team has been appointed.

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- An architect was appointed in August and architectural master planning is underway to come up with options for what the school could look like and where buildings could be placed. Specialist and technical consultants, such as flood engineers and the architect, will visit the site when access is possible and appropriate.
- A managing contractor – for a building company that will be responsible for overseeing all the rebuild work – is expected to be awarded in October.
- School infrastructure NSW will work with Cabbage Tree Island Public School and local community during the planning, design and construction phases of rebuilding their school to make sure it meets their needs.
- The rebuilding of Cabbage Tree Island Public School 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.

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