



An example of flexible a learning space

Empire Vale Public School

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What is happening at Empire Vale Public School?

A project is underway to rebuild Empire Vale Public School after it was damaged by floods in early 2022. The project will deliver new modern and flexible learning environments and core facilities that will support the long term needs of the local community. Students will continue learning from classrooms at Southern Cross Public School in Ballina while the school is being rebuilt.

Current Status

- The project is currently in the Master planning phase with the Principal, Director, Educational Leadership (DEL) and the project team, which includes the builder.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) meeting will be held with the Principal, DEL, and school representative in May 2023 to discuss the master plan design prior to commencing concept design.
- The Project Team are working closely with stakeholders, including State Emergency Services (SES), Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRCC) and Ballina Shire Council, to ensure that the design complies with critical guidelines.

Next Steps

- Finalise master plan after the review by the PRG.
- Commence concept design and planning applications.

Rebuilding Empire Vale Public School is forecast to take approximately two years. Completion is expected in 2024 but will depend on the planning approval, builder's schedule, weather and site conditions and the availability of resources. We will do whatever we can to complete the project sooner and we thank you and the school community for your patience.

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) will continue to keep the community up to date with project updates, works notifications and information sessions, at each critical phase of the development.

The SINSW team thanks the community for their patience while we consult all the relevant stakeholders to ensure the best outcome for the school and the community.