

Mullumbimby High 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 security of the site to ensure they were safe for entry.

Mullumbimby High School suffered extensive damage in the floods, with water damaging lower lying buildings and grounds across the school site.

Mullumbimby High School

Mullumbimby High School site was inundated with floodwater in March. Buildings such as the gym, library, staff areas and performance space were damaged by water and mould and need significant repairs and refurbishment.

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 Mullumbimby High 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, six demountable buildings were installed at the school to provide additional space for staff and students while the flood damaged buildings are repaired and refurbished.
- The school grounds have been cleaned and sanitised. Damaged buildings have been made safe and secured.
- The main works contract was awarded in June 2022 to remediate flood-impacted facilities and spaces.
- 3D modelling has been undertaken for the redesign of spaces such as the library, gym and staff areas.
- Hygienists, IT specialists, architects and have visited the site to provide recommendations around mould contamination, ventilation, building design, as well as construction and traffic arrangements at the school while work is underway.
- Internal designs are being finalised with the school for the gym, staff areas and library.
- The school is working with a loss adjuster to replace damaged resources and equipment through insurance.



What work is happening at Mullumbimby High School?

Building	Summary of works
Library (Block L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of mould contaminated walls and ceilings Repair of school IT and communication infrastructure Redesigned, more functional internal layout Refurbished, repainted and recarpeted New learning resources, electrical equipment and furniture
Staff facilities (Block A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of mould contaminated material Improved ventilation New internal layout finalised with teachers Fit-out (e.g. carpet, lighting, furniture, seating, desks, etc)
Staff lounge (Block E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of mould contaminated walls, floors and ceiling New roof New internal layout, furniture and fittings (e.g. carpet, lighting, furniture, seating, desks, etc)
Gym (block J)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of mould contaminated material, including internal walls New sports court New stage area
Performance Space (Block AD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of mould contaminated internal fittings Refurbished

Modernising our school spaces for Mullumbimby High School students and staff

- Flooring will be replaced in the original school building (Block A) to improve underfloor ventilation and make it more flood resilient.
- The stage area in the school gym will be redesigned so it can be used more flexibly and works better for school events and activities.
- The library will be redesigned and will be a light, bright and airy study and learning space at the heart of Mullumbimby High School.
- Flood damaged buildings such as the performance space will be modernised in line with the latest construction and design standards for school spaces.

Managing work on-site

Students will continue to learn from Mullumbimby High School while work is underway.

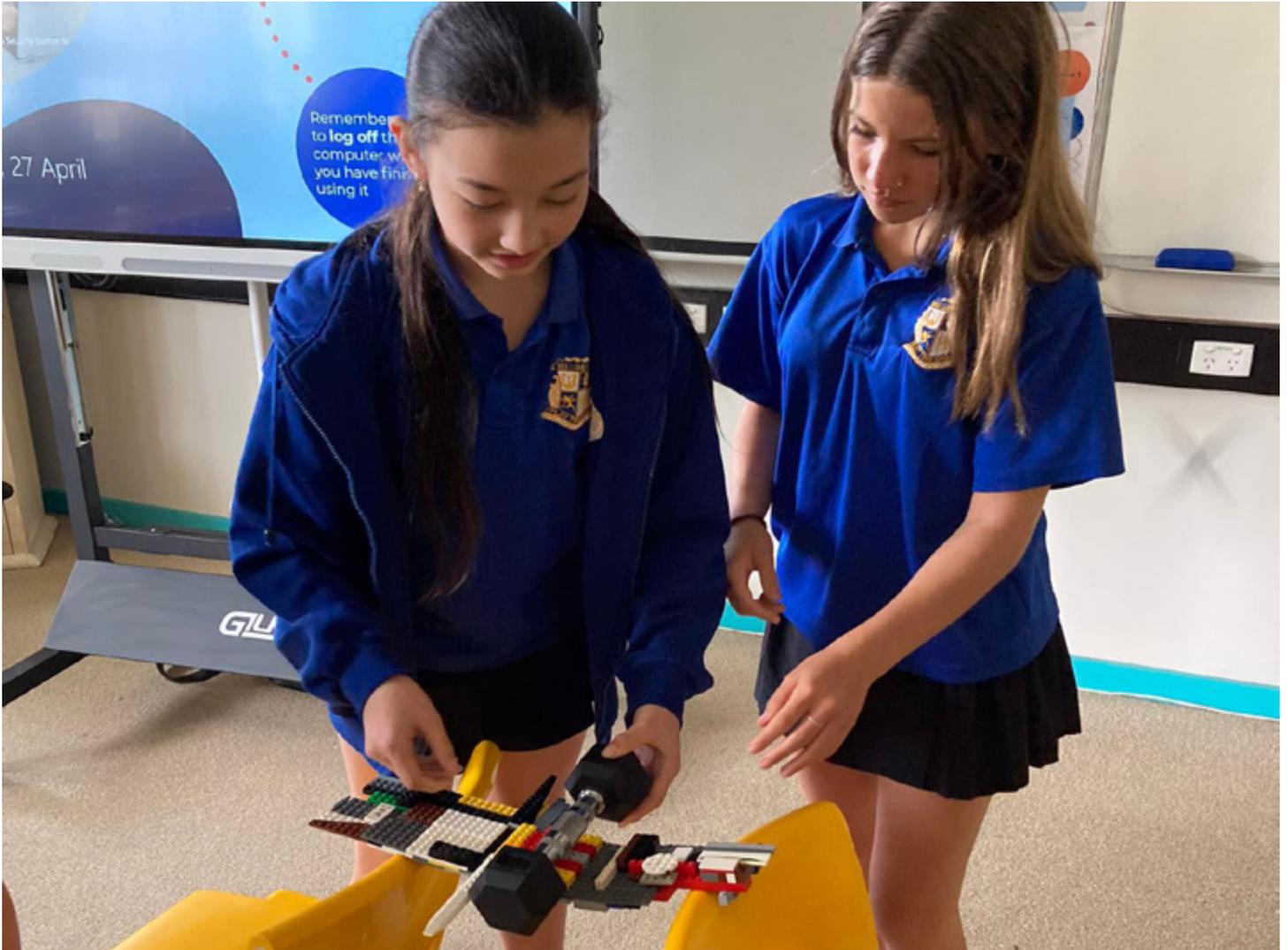
- Rigorous safety and security measures will be in place for the duration of the work.
- Security fencing and hoarding will be installed to separate the construction site from the rest of the school.
- Contractors will enter the site via dedicated entryways and have designated parking.
- The project 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 are hoping all work will be completed by Term 2, 2023. The school library will be remediated and repaired as a priority so it can be used for learning again.



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



Keeping you informed

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

We are committed to working with local 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 (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 surrounding roads.

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

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