

26 June 2024

Dear Community,

Please find below additional information provided by Schools Infrastructure.

Schools Infrastructure NSW have advised that removal of the temporary school demountable will begin on Friday, as advised in the attached Project Update, and is scheduled to be completed on Tuesday 2 July, weather permitting."

Kind Regards
Samuel Bowkett
Principal



Blakebrook Public School

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Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$1.4 billion for new and upgraded schools in regional NSW. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

Project overview

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood impacted schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with more flood resilient schools for local students and local communities. As part of this commitment, a project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School.

The project will include 4 flexible classrooms, the same number as before the floods, a library, canteen and administration areas. It will also include new landscaping, tree planting, and an undercover learning area.

Progress summary

- The temporary demountable buildings at Blakebrook Public School have been decommissioned and the Information Technology (IT) services have been removed.
- Offsite manufacturing of the new Blakebrook Public School buildings has commenced and are now 25% complete (see photos overleaf).
- Lismore City Council has approved the Development Application (DA) for demolition of the current school. The demolition process will begin once the temporary school has been removed, and we have certainty over timing for approval of the main works DA.
- The Northern Regional Planning Panel is reviewing the main works DA. The Department's application and the record of Council's briefing with the Regional Planning Panel can be found on the NSW Government's [Planning Portal](#).



Next steps

- The temporary demountable buildings are scheduled to be craned off the Blakebrook Public School site on **Friday, 28 June 2024**. Work will begin after 9am and will be coordinated to minimise impact on morning and afternoon pick up times. Once the demountable buildings have been removed, the footings will also be demolished and taken away in preparation for the school rebuild.
- We will continue to provide Lismore City Council and the Regional Planning Panel with any additional information required for the determination of the main works DA.
- Offsite manufacturing will continue while planning processes are underway. This will reduce the overall construction time and allow students and staff to enjoy their new school buildings as soon as possible.
- Once all planning approvals are in place, we expect construction to take 6-7 months, weather permitting.
- Blakebrook Public School students will continue to learn from their temporary site at Goolmangar while their school is being rebuilt.

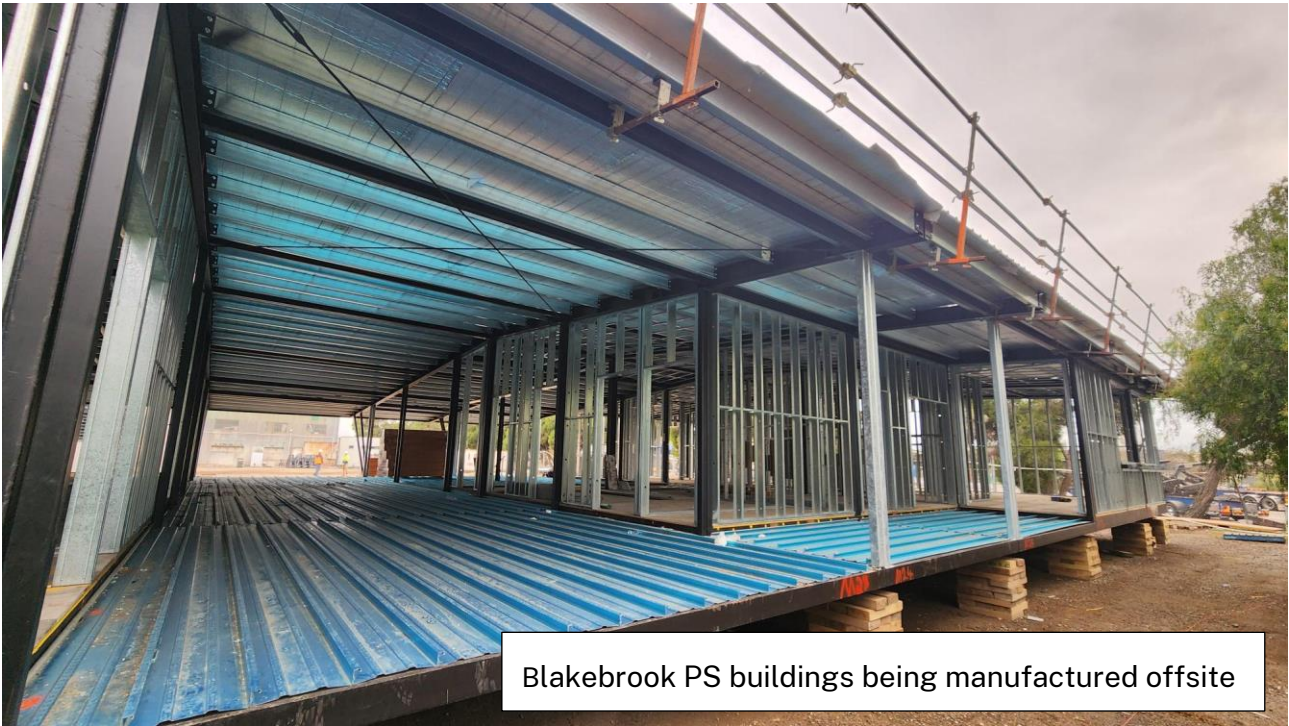
How can I get involved?

Please be assured that we are working to rebuild Blakebrook Public School as quickly as possible so students can return to their new school buildings.

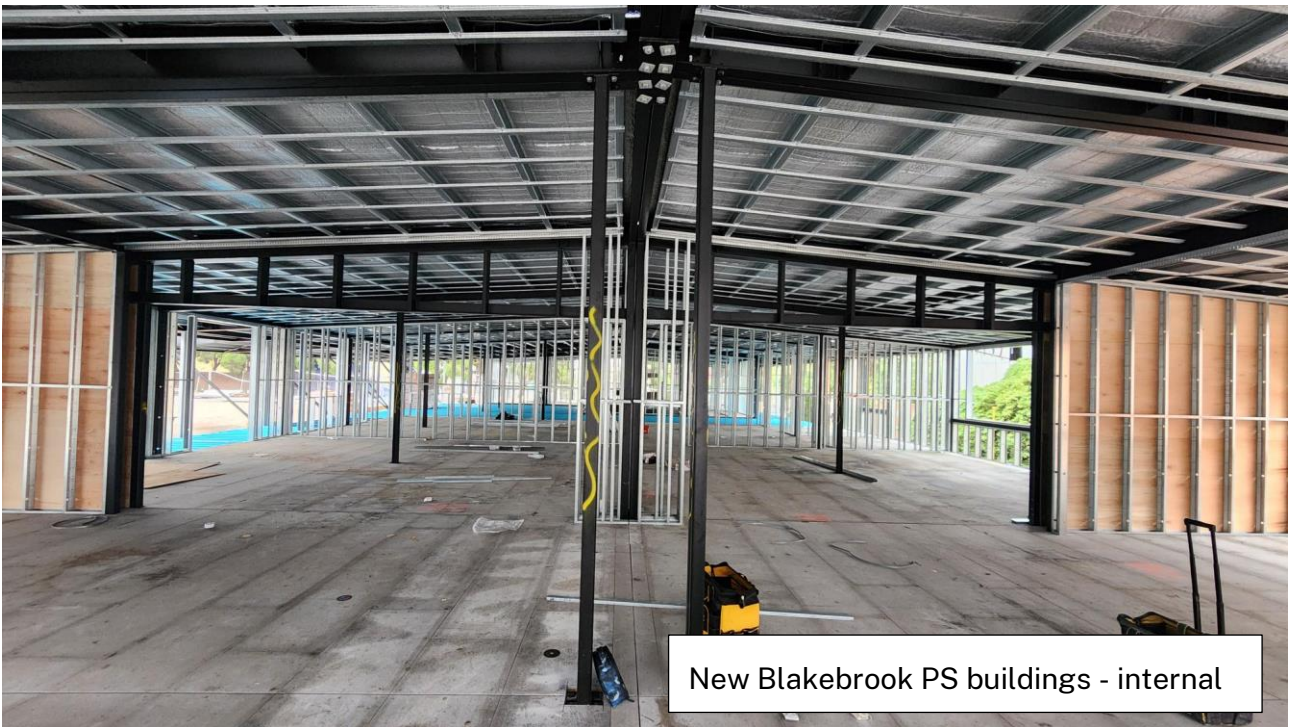
We will continue to update you about progress throughout the planning and construction phases of rebuilding Blakebrook Public School.

If you have questions or concerns you can contact us on 1300 482 651 or via email at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.gov.au. You can also find information on the Blakebrook Public School flood recovery [project page](#) or by scanning the QR code.





Blakebrook PS buildings being manufactured offsite



New Blakebrook PS buildings - internal