# Blakebrook Public School Project update | April 2025



# Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood affected schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

Funding for the school projects has also been provided by the Infrastructure Betterment Fund, which is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

## **Project overview**

A project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School after it was extensively damaged by flooding in 2022. The project will deliver a raised and flood resilient school, with new classrooms, library, canteen and administration area, as well landscaping.

#### **Progress summary**

- The school building is now fully constructed, following delivery and installation of the modules.
- Work to the external building façade and fit out of internal spaces, including the classrooms, library, canteen and administration areas, is also nearly finished.

# Next steps

Despite recent wet weather, the project remains on schedule, and we expect the new flood resilient school facilities to be completed during Term 2, 2025. Work which will take place over the coming weeks includes:

- Removing the existing school perimeter fence and installing new security fencing around the school boundary.
- Landscaping outdoor areas.
- Constructing new bus parking, staff parking and student drop off facilities at the front of the school, alongside Rosehill Road (please see overleaf for impacts to transport arrangements).
- Planning for the return of students and staff from Goolmangar to Blakebrook.



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## Rosehill Road works

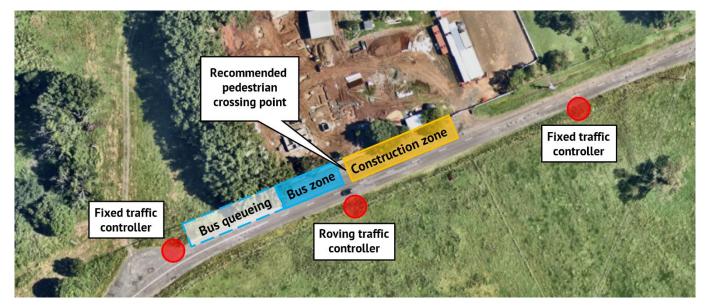
The rebuild of Blakebrook Public School includes providing bus parking, staff parking and student drop off facilities at the front of the school, alongside Rosehill Road. Work to create these facilities will start shortly and take approximately 8 weeks to complete (<u>Works Notification on 26 March</u>).

Construction is being staged so the area outside the school can continue operating as a school bus interchange point during the works.

During Stage 1 the blue area (approximately 40 metres) will be used for bus parking, with additional bus queueing to the left. The yellow area (approximately 70 metres) will be fenced off for construction. During Stage 2 this arrangement will be reversed.

Rosehill Road will remain open in both directions during the works and there will be no change to usual school bus timetables or routes.

The off-street parking spaces at the front of the school fence will not be available during the works.



#### Traffic and pedestrian management

Fixed traffic controllers to the east and west of the school will hold traffic as needed for safe working. An additional roving traffic controller will help manage vehicle, bus and pedestrian movements within the bus and construction zone.

Parents and carers are asked to avoid using the Blakebrook Public School site as a location for dropping off or picking up students from buses during the works. This will help minimise congestion and contribute to safety.

# More information



You can find more information about the project at <u>edu.nsw.link/BlakebrookPS-</u> <u>FloodRecovery</u> or by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure during business hours on the contact details below.

