

Non-Government Reform Support Fund

**2022 Workplan Addendum
Flood Support**

Catholic Schools NSW

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Summary of proposed activities to be funded by Flood Support Funding

The impact of the floods on the Diocese of Lismore has been devastating. Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) has been engaging closely with and supporting the directors of Lismore Diocese Schools Office and Trinity Catholic College Lismore, who are leading the local response for affected schools. Activities to date include:

- Flood Emergency Roundtable Briefing 10 March 2022 with Lismore Diocese Schools Office and Trinity College.
- Active engagement with NSW Department of Education and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to discuss plans to respond to flood emergency.
- Representations to Government on support through the Catholic Block Grant Authority and the NSW Building Grants Assistance Scheme.
- Visit on 18 March 2022 by the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of CSNSW to the Lismore region to visit flood impacted schools and engage with school leaders and communities.
- Coordinated support and assistance from the wider NSW Catholic education sector in a meeting on 22 March 2022 of CSNSW and representatives from all 11 Catholic dioceses across NSW.
- Ongoing dialogue with school leaders in the Lismore region exploring all aspects of the flood impact, including wellbeing.

Summary of budget

Project	Activities	Reform support funding	Funding from other sources	Total project funding
Targeted support to non-government schools affected by flood	Funding will be allocated to Catholic schools based on need and the number of students in the flood affected Local Government Areas.	\$1,425,211		\$1,425,211
	Total funding	\$1,425,211		\$1,425,211

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Project title	Project description and activities	Indicative budget	Expected outcomes/Overall achievements	Indicators of success
Targeted support to non-government schools affected by flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support allocated to Catholic schools based on need and the number of students in the flood affected Local Government Areas. • Active engagement with NSW Department of Education and NESAs to continue to respond to the flood emergency. • Ongoing representations to Government on support through the Catholic Block Grant Authority and the NSW Building Grants Assistance Scheme. • Coordinated support and assistance from the wider NSW Catholic Schools sector led by CSNSW. • Ongoing dialogue with school leaders in the Lismore region. 	Reform support funding: \$1,425,211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacted schools are supported to rebuild and recover, maintaining student learning and supporting wellbeing. • Options for use of alternative sites on a short-term basis explored until the affected schools can be reoccupied. • Teachers impacted by the floods given an extension to complete Proficient Teacher or maintenance of accreditation requirements, if required. • In discussion with NESAs, explore whether affected schools can offer a reduced curriculum. • Further supports and/or advocacy identified through ongoing dialogue with school leaders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools rebuild and recover from the impacts of the floods, repairing structural damage and replacing assets that have perished, while supporting students to continue their learning with a focus on wellbeing. • Interim schooling arrangements successfully implemented. • Teachers successfully supported to meet their NESAs accreditation requirements. • Curriculum delivered in a flexible way in flood impacted school communities. • Further supports and/or advocacy successfully realised.