

Question on Notice
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QUESTION:

With reference to flood-damaged change rooms at Sherwood State School—

Will the Minister confirm that the change rooms, scheduled for standard repair by QBuild, will be upgraded in line with student disability access requirements?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education (DoE) is committed to providing well maintained and functional facilities that align with educational outcomes.

Sherwood State School was affected by the 2022 South East Queensland severe rainfall and flooding event, with the inundation of flood waters causing some damage to the change rooms and canteen in the pool complex.

DoE is working closely with the Department of Energy and Public Works' QBuild to undertake remediation of damaged school infrastructure under the 'like for like' principles, in line with the Queensland Government Insurance Fund policy, undertaking repairs or replacement of damaged elements, rather than upgrades.

The Regional Infrastructure Advisor is currently working with the school and consultants to develop a design for disability access to various areas of the school, including the pool, to plan for potential future student needs.

Should disability access be required at any Queensland state school, upgrades are primarily funded through the Education For All program, which aims to deliver accessible learning environments to enable students of all backgrounds, identities and abilities to access and fully participate in learning. Applications for the 2022–23 financial year will be assessed through a prioritisation process to ensure the highest needs across the State are met.