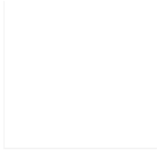


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**1.4 Transition from incident response to**

## recovery

High was unable to reopen in term 1.).

In the aftermath, both schools began community fundraisers to replace items such as library books. For example, the Mullumbimby High P and C appeal page on just giving.com reads:

"Our library and books have been lost, our drama room with its stage, sets and costumes collected over generations has been wiped out, our three pianos and musical instruments are irreparable.

Our sports shed was inundated and all of equipment has been condemned..

Our vital Breakfast Club kitchen, used for serving free breakfasts to our most vulnerable students has been destroyed, including fridges, microwave, kettles, toasters. For some of our students this is their most nutritious meal of the day.

Our focus is getting our kids back to school and learning as soon as we can, and we need funding now to replace all the items that won't be covered by insurance.

Your generous donations will be used to pay for:

Resources to get our kids back learning with their peers as quickly as possible.

Student wellbeing, including uniforms, shoes and supporting students to attend camps and excursions.

Breakfast club equipment - fridges, toasters and food for our displaced students.

Musical instruments.

Sporting equipment - yoga mats, sports uniforms, high jump mats, netballs, volleyballs.

Drama - costumes"

I have no doubt about the urgent need for funding to get the schools operating again BUT it's important to realise that the community is itself financially stretched (many people did not have flood insurance and even for those that did have insurance it won't cover everything).

It's absolutely appalling and offensive to me that the NSW Education Department is not making good ALL school equipment lost/damaged in the flood (to the extent not covered by insurance) and is instead seeking to make traumatised community members pay to replace items by playing the "guilt card" about getting the kids back to school as fast as possible.

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**Supporting documents or images**

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