



## Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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### **National School Pride Funding for 30 North-West Schools**

Thirty North-West schools from Smithton to Sassafras will share in \$4.2 million as part of round one of the Rudd Government's National School Pride program, the Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said today.

Mr Sidebottom welcomed the announcement by Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard, as part of the \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution investment.

"I have already begun to visit schools and talk about what they have planned, and it is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm within school communities," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The other day I was at Smithton Primary School and heard about their plans for new smart boards in classrooms, and to replace floorcoverings some which had been around for decades.

"It is great to see what the schools are doing to improve their learning environment, as well as boosting the local economy."

Mr Sidebottom encouraged planners and builders to use the opportunity to source as many local skills, products and services as possible

Construction and maintenance work will commence as soon as possible, with many of the National School Pride projects planned to begin this month.

A list of successful schools and their planned projects are available at:  
[www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au](http://www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au).

Mr Sidebottom urged local schools to submit applications for Round Two which closes on 8 May 2009.

Today's announcement starts to deliver on the Building the Education Revolution which is a key element of the Government's \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan to stimulate local economies and invest in important infrastructure for the long term.

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