



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

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\$24.7m to 19 local schools in Primary Schools for the 21st Century Round Three funding

ANOTHER 19 primary schools on the North West and West Coasts will share in \$24.7 million for major new infrastructure projects under the third and final round of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) program.

"I am delighted to see this funding delivered to our schools in the final installment of this program," Mr Sidebottom said.

"A number of these schools have also received funding for multiple projects through other Building the Education Revolution programs, which is fantastic to see."

Mr Sidebottom said the P21 program funded major infrastructure projects, including libraries, multi-purpose halls and classrooms.

Construction on these projects will begin as soon as possible.

"Many of these projects are long overdue for our primary schools," he said.

"This funding is also aimed at stimulating our economy through supporting local jobs and local business," he said.

"As with all Rudd Government infrastructure projects, I encourage our schools to look as locally as possible for construction companies to complete these works.

"This program will not only provide better facilities for teaching and learning, but will also create jobs to keep our local economy ticking over.

"Throughout the rollout of all the Building the Education (BER) projects, it's been great to see our local principals, school communities and the building industry working together with the Tasmanian and Federal Governments to deliver these important projects."

Successful schools in Round Three of The Primary Schools for the 21st Century include:

- **Acton Primary School - \$2m** to construct a new library (as part of Parklands Primary School amalgamation)
- **Brooklyn Primary School - \$2m** to construct a new multi-purpose hall (as part of Parklands Primary School amalgamation)
- **Upper Burnie Primary School - \$2m** to construct new classrooms (as part of Parklands Primary School amalgamation)
- **East Devonport Primary School - \$2.5m** to construct a new gymnasium, and to convert existing multi-purpose hall into general learning areas
- **Edith Creek Primary School - \$250,000** to refurbish existing classrooms

- **Forest Primary School - \$850,000** to construct a multi-purpose hall to incorporate existing library
- **Geneva Christian College - \$275,000** to construct a new multi-purpose hall
- **King Island District High School - \$850,000** to construct a performing arts centre
- **Montello Primary School - \$2m** to construct a new multi-purpose hall, and refurbish existing classrooms
- **North West Christian School - \$275,000** to construct a new library
- **Redpa Primary School - \$250,000** – to construct a new outdoor undercover learning area
- **Ridgley Primary School - \$2.25m** to construct a new gymnasium, and to refurbish existing classrooms and administration area (as part of the amalgamation with Waratah Primary School)
- **School of Special Education (Burnie campus) - \$250,000** to refurbish disability access toilets, and to refurbish existing library
- **Seabrook Christian School - \$875,000** to construct a new multi-purpose hall
- **Smithton Primary School - \$2.5m** – to refurbish existing library, multi-purpose hall and staff amenities
- **Somerset Primary School - \$2.85m** to construct a new library and multi-purpose hall (as part of amalgamation with West Somerset Primary School)
- **Stanley Primary School - \$250,000** to extend existing multi-purpose hall
- **Yolla District High School - \$2m** to construct new classrooms and extend existing library
- **St Josephs School (Queenstown) - \$500,000** to refurbish multi-purpose hall and general learning areas and to construct new outdoor learning areas.

Mr Sidebottom said the P21 was one of three phases of the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution program.

A further 65 schools have already shared in more than \$8m through two rounds of the National School Pride Program which provides funding for small scale infrastructure projects, including carpet, shade sails and minor refurbishments.

Some 24 local primary schools shared in about \$55 million under the first two rounds of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century program earlier this year.

Nine local secondary schools have also received \$13.2 million to build new or refurbished science laboratories and language centres or dual facilities through Round One of the *Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools* (SLC) element of the Building the Education Revolution (BER).

A list of successful school and their planned projects is available at:

www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au and more information about the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan is available at www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au.

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