



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

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State-of-the-art performing arts facility opens at St Brendan Shaw

A NEW \$1.5m performing arts centre was officially opened at St Brendan Shaw College in Devonport today by Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom.

The new facilities, entitled "Founders Theatre" received \$150,000 from the Rudd Government's Capital Grants Program, with the remaining \$1.35m contributed by the school community.

The new centre comprises four main learning areas – all of which can be opened up to create one main learning space when required.

Mr Sidebottom said a steady increase in interest for the performing arts had led to a need to expand.

"As well as offering additional learning space, the new centre will allow teachers and students the opportunity to work with the latest in performing arts technology," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The new centre will enable students to work both more independently as well as offering a much better space for small group work.

"I must also congratulate the St Brendan Shaw College community for contributing \$1.35m towards this project."

Mr Sidebottom said the school's performance earlier this year of "Six Degrees" - a play written by college staff which involved 50 students – had highlighted the talent which continued to rise through the college.

In addition to this funding, the Rudd Government delivered \$1.4m towards the construction of a Trade Training Centre (hairdressing) at the school, \$1.97m to construct a new science centre through the *Building the Education Revolution* program, \$200,000 under *National School Pride* and \$105,000 through the Computers in Schools program.

"This is another example of how the Rudd Government is working hard to modernise all of our local schools in order to ensure our next generation receive the best possible education," he said.

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