



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

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More schools funding for Braddon

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

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP, said the program is delivering an important phase of the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution.

He said that it was fantastic to see that our local schools would benefit from what is a huge investment in much needed new school buildings.

"Nine of our local secondary schools will have new state-of-the-art facilities to teach science and language and we all know that good facilities greatly help in the teaching and learning process," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The teaching of science and languages is vital for citizens in the 21st century and for advancing our economy, trade and international relations.

"Today's announcement is in addition to the \$63 million already announced for many of the 61 schools in our region.

"Not only will this \$76 million benefit students in our schools but it will be a huge stimulus to our local community particularly at a time of rising unemployment.

"This is the completion of round one but further rounds are in the process along with applications for round three of Primary Schools for the 21st Century."

The Rudd Government is undertaking the largest school modernisation program in Australia's history to support local jobs, stimulate every local economy and invest in important long-term infrastructure.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is working with education authorities in relation to a number of other applications from schools which are yet to finalise the costings for their projects. A further announcement will be made when this process has been completed.

Applications for Round Three of Primary Schools for the 21st Century close on 10 July 2009, and will see all remaining eligible Australian schools receive funding.

Building the Education Revolution is a key element of the Rudd Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan to support jobs, stimulate local economies and invest in important infrastructure for the long-term.

The successful Braddon Schools for round one are –

- Circular Head Christian School: New Science Centre \$1,375,000
- Devonport High School: Science and Language Upgrade \$1,596,747
- Leighland Christian School: New Science Centre \$911,820
- Marist Regional College: New middle school Science and Language Centre \$1,970,000
- Penguin High School: Science Upgrade \$1,879,771
- Reece High School: Science and Language Centre \$1,167,435
- St Brendan Shaw College: New Science Centre \$1,970,000
- Ulverstone High School: Science Centre \$1,730,052
- Yolla District High School: Science Upgrade \$625,352

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