



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

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\$3.9m to 31 local schools in Round Two of National School Pride program

FUNDING of \$200,000 to upgrade the gym and redevelop the MDT block at Latrobe High School couldn't have come at a better time according to Principal Phil McKenzie.

"Over the past few years our enrolment has increased significantly more than our forecast figures," Mr McKenzie said.

The school increased from 370 students in 2007 to 465 in 2009, making additional space in the gym and MDT block a real necessity.

Latrobe High was one of 31 schools across the North West and West Coast to receive funding for minor infrastructure and refurbishment projects under Round Two of the National School Pride program.

"What this funding really does for us is to allow for more much more efficient learning areas," Mr McKenzie said.

"The refurbishments will enable a much better use of space, which is vital for our extra enrolments."

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said the National School Pride program delivered much-needed infrastructure projects for our schools, but more importantly, provided jobs for our local construction workers.

"We'll have local carpenters, local electricians, local carpet layers and the like getting in there to help complete these infrastructure projects which is great news for our local economy."

The National School Pride program is one of three components of the Rudd Government's \$14.7b Building the Education Revolution, aimed at modernising our local schools and supporting local jobs.

Together with Round One, the \$1.3b National School Pride program will deliver \$8.1m to 61 North West and West Coast primary and secondary schools, Mr Sidebottom said.

"Work will begin on these projects as quickly as possible," he said.

"I'm excited to watch these investments flow through into our local businesses and construction industry."

Round Two is the final round of the National School Pride program and sees funding delivered to all eligible schools across the country.

The Building the Education Revolution continues with two elements still open for applications – Primary Schools for the 21st Century Round Two and Three and Science and Language Centres for the 21st Century.

A list of successful schools and their planned projects are available at:
www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au

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