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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to write in support of the work being carried out under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) Federal funding for schools.

At Cringila Public School we have been able to gain two Covered Outdoor Learning Areas (COLA), an extension to the computer room, a refit of all classrooms (14 in total) and an Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC) to be constructed within our permaculture garden.

The support from all parties involved has been exemplary. There has been regular consultation through all stages right up to the current tabling of the design drawings for the projects outlined above.

We have had several visits by teams from Richard Crookes Constructions and their manner has been polite and respectful demonstrated by one occasion where they were asked without notice to speak and address issues to the whole staff which they did in such a manner that enabled all involved to leave the meeting having a clearer and more detailed understanding of the concern tabled.

With regard to the OLC this is the only one of our projects that would be termed non-generic in its nature and will be unique to Cringila. From the outset of initial BER discussions this project was labelled as the most significant by students, parents, staff and community and as a consequence the school was anxious that this be done to the specifications that we sought.

This required above and beyond regular dialogue and communication over a number of specific design features and has occurred over several months by both email and over the phone. This planning and attention to detail will enable the school to have a feature that will compliment the work already occurring in the school academically and the social context for the community.

This one project above all else at our school will enable greater community involvement with the school and continue to develop positive attitudes in the broader community through the fact that parents will be in and around the school more often.

The OLC also ties in to a grant the school has achieved through the Wollongong City Council which will enable the school to fit the OLC out with a kitchen. BER team members have been aware of this from the outset and have actively tailored their planning to take this into consideration.

Our local member Jennie George contributed to the discussion and threw her support behind us with all our projects but in particular the OLC. Jennie is the patron of the local Permaculture Partners (a initiative involving 5 Primary Schools and 1 High School in the Warrawong Community of Schools) she understood the broader implications for positive outcomes as she had been part of the ongoing discussions at the school and recognised the value of the OLC in the Permaculture Partners Business Plan and future educational directions for learning at Cringila PS.

Generally as Principal of Cringila PS I have been impressed with the adherence to time frames and budget. At our school all aspects of the BER have progressed as outlined at our initial meetings and I look forward to the commencement of work early December.

Regards
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