

## **Timeline – Abbotsford Public School**

**15 May 2009** – Project applications for Round 2 of the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* (P21) element of the BER closed. The NSW Department of Education and Training applied for \$2.5 million for new classroom facilities on behalf of Abbotsford Public School.

**12 June 2009** – The Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, announced approval of \$2.5 million for new classroom facilities at Abbotsford Public School.

**9 September 2009** – An article published in *The Australian* claims the school community is unhappy with the New South Wales Government position to demolish four old classrooms and replace them with four new classrooms. The Abbotsford Parents and Citizens Association requests that the old classrooms remain and the BER project create four new classrooms.

**10 September 2009** – The NSW BER Coordinator met with representatives from the Abbotsford Public School community to discuss their concerns and placed the project on hold while he considered the issues raised.

**27 September 2009** – The NSW Department of Education and Training (NSW DET) advised the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) that following the review by the NSW BER Coordinator of the School's P21 project, the decision was made to proceed with the approved project to demolish an old block of classrooms and replace them with new facilities. Additionally, through the tender process the Managing Contractor will build not only the four classrooms but also a Special Programs Room within the School's BER funding allocation.

**17 November 2009** – DEEWR received further advice from NSW DET that the school is to receive an extra special programs room to accommodate their Italian language class and music program. This will be funded by the NSW Government. The project, accepted by the school community, will involve the demolition of an old classroom block that is no longer an appropriate teaching space and its replacement with a new block with classrooms at least 50 per cent bigger. There will be two external store rooms and two special purpose program rooms.