



MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING
THE HON DR BRENDAN NELSON MP

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I am pleased to advise you that funding of Australian Government grants under the *Investing In Our Schools Programme* for state schools in [Area] has been approved. Details of the successful schools are attached.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of providing schools with facilities that will enhance the education and wellbeing of students. As you may be aware, the *Investing in Our Schools Programme* (IOSP) is providing \$700 million over 2005-8 to fund state school capital projects that school communities have identified and prioritised. (A further \$300 million is being provided for non-government schools). This \$700 million commitment is in addition to the \$1.5 billion that the Australian Government has already allocated for school capital works over 2005-08.

The response from school communities to the IOSP has been overwhelming with over 4,500 applications in the first Round. As many projects as possible have been funded using the Round 1 allocation of funds. However, there are many strong projects that could not be funded in this Round. Consequently, those projects that were recommended by the Assessment Advisory Panels but were not prioritised sufficiently high to receive funding in Round 1 will automatically be considered for Round 2 funding.

The *Investing in Our Schools Programme* grants will make a significant contribution to the schools in your [Area].

You may wish to contact the successful schools to inform them of the good news. I will soon be writing to them to formally advise them that their applications have been successful.

The Australian Government asks recipients of grants to comply with certain conditions concerning recognition of Australian Government funding. You may wish to discuss with the school their arrangements for meeting these recognition requirements. Details of the recognition requirements are attached. I have also attached a shell press release.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting this exciting programme that will play a significant part in improving educational opportunities for young Australians.

Yours sincerely

BRENDAN NELSON
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