



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING
The Hon Pat Farmer MP

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I am pleased to advise you that Australian Government grants under the *Investing in Our Schools Programme* in [Area] have been approved. Details of the successful schools to receive funding 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 2005-08 to fund state school capital projects that have been identified and prioritised by local school communities. A further \$300 million is being provided for non-government schools. This commitment is in addition to the \$1.5 billion the Australian Government has already allocated for school capital works over 2005-08.

The response from school communities to the Programme has been overwhelming, with over 4,500 applications received in the first round. While as many projects as possible have been funded using round one allocation of funds, there are many worthwhile projects that could not be funded in this round. Those projects recommended by Assessment Advisory Panels which did not receive funding in round one will be considered for round two funding.

Under the Programme, in [Schedule Year], the Australian Government will provide [State Allocation] million to [Client State] government schools.

You may wish to contact the schools to inform them that their application has been successful. I have also attached a shell media release. I will shortly be writing to school principals 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 confirm with the school their arrangements for meeting these requirements, details of which are attached.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting this valuable programme.

Yours sincerely

(Pat Farmer)

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