



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

[Name]  
[Title]  
[Address]

[Salutation]

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

The Investing in Our Schools Programme, a \$1 billion Australian Government infrastructure initiative, commenced in 2005 and will continue until the end of 2008. Catholic and Independent schools across Australia will receive \$300 million under the programme.

This is an exciting programme that will play a significant part in improving educational opportunities for young Australians.

It builds on the considerable funding already allocated by the Australian Government for school infrastructure and capital works over the 2005-2008 quadrennium. Of the amount allocated to non-government schools, [BGA State Allocation] is allocated to [Area] under the programme.

The funding provided under the Investing in Our Schools Programme is not designed to replace current state infrastructure funding or the Capital Grants Programme funding to non-government schools. Rather, the Investing in Our Schools Programme will provide additional funding for high priority projects not able to be otherwise funded.

The Investing in Our Schools Programme funds are allocated through the existing mechanisms managed by Block Grant Authorities (BGAs). BGAs receive and assess applications from non-government schools, make recommendations to me and administer the grants for participating schools.

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I have provided a shell press release for your office to assist you with public announcements of projects. I suggest that you advise the school (or each school where more than one is involved) of its grant before you issue any publicity. I remind you that the school cannot proceed with the project until the school's BGA provides formal authorisation. I will also write to the Principal of the school about the grant once you have had the opportunity to make the initial contact with the school.

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 recognition requirements, including acknowledging Australian Government Investing in Our Schools Programme funding on construction signs and building plaques and for arranging appropriate Australian Government representation at any opening of the facilities.

Please contact the BGA for any further information about the project.

Yours sincerely

BRENDAN NELSON  
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