Question on Notice

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Asked on 7 March 2006

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) –

QUESTION:

What is the current status of the proposed new Burpengary West Primary School?

ANSWER:

The Burpengary West Primary School (BWPS) at Rowley Road, Burpengary is expected to be completed for the start of the 2007 school year. The school will be constructed as a single campus with two streams: a Prep to Year 3 stream and Years 4 to 7 stream. The school will provide education services for the rapidly growing Burpengary community.

The school will open as a Prep to Year 7 campus with an expected initial enrolment in the vicinity of 300 students. Based on the current projections, enrolments are expected to peak around 800 by 2021. This will eventually stabilise to enrolments levels of around 630–650 students.

It is expected that the principal will commence duty at the beginning of Term 4 this year to manage the staffing of the school, coordinate the development of the facilities and to establish important partnerships with the community.

Facilities to be provided in Stage 1 for the start of the 2007 school year include:

- Prep Year (4 classrooms)
- Yeas 1–3 (6 classrooms)
- Years 4–7 (8 classrooms)
- Administration and Student Services Centre
- Resource Centre
- Multi-purpose covered areas
- Canteen
- Amenities
- Prep and junior play areas
- Grounds care store
- Oval, courts platform
- Visitor and staff car parking
- Bus and student set down/public car parking.