

Question on Notice

No. 380

Asked on 8 March 2007

Ms Lee Long, Member for Tablelands asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the “Tomorrow’s Schools” funding program and its contribution to capital works—

Will funds be available under this program to construct a stage in the new hall recently built at the Mareeba State High School and also to cover costs of landscaping around the new hall?

ANSWER:

The State Schools of Tomorrow project was part of our Government’s \$1 billion investment in the *Tomorrow’s Schools – Providing for a Smarter Future* initiative, which was announced in the 2006-07 State Budget.

The package provides \$900 million to modernise state school resources and facilities and \$100 million for the non-state sector over a five-year period.

A part of the \$900 million commitment was the \$50 million School Community Development Fund, which provided an opportunity for schools to apply for grants for important school projects.

Twenty-six state schools in your Tablelands electorate shared in a total of \$739,400 as part of this commitment by the Beattie Government.

Mareeba SHS school community placed a priority on a storage shed and resurfacing works to outdoor sporting courts and received \$89 700 from the School Community Development Fund.

I am pleased to advise that more recently, the school has been successful in obtaining \$65 718 through the Smart School Subsidy Scheme for an extension to a covered stage assembly area.

In 2004, the Beattie Government approved \$400 000 towards the development of a new multi-purpose learning centre at Mareeba State High School, which was completed in September 2006.

The State Schools of Tomorrow initiative is intended initially for major renewal projects across clusters of state schools around Queensland.

It will apply to school clusters in need of significant regeneration and will provide modernised facilities and resources that will maximise community utilisation and boost student learning opportunities.