

Question on Notice

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Asked on 7 February 2007

Mr Lawlor asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of the successful implementation of the Prep year at schools within the Southport Electorate including (a) Day eight enrolment numbers for each school and (b) capital works and refurbishment works undertaken in preparation for the Prep year?

ANSWER:

Prep is being successfully implemented in the Southport Electorate, with Prep students enrolled at three state and four non-state schools.

In 2006, schools undertook various activities in preparation for Prep, including visits to prep trial schools and completion of a formal professional development program for school administrators, teachers and teacher aides.

Extensive communication with school communities was undertaken to promote Prep to parents and families and to provide the community with detail about Prep eligibility and enrolment arrangements.

(a) Day 8 2007 Prep year enrolments for the Southport Electorate are as follows:

School	Prep year enrolments
Arundel State School	95
Musgrave Hill State School	32
Southport State School	33

Non-state school enrolments were not available at the time of preparing this response.

(b) The following capital works and refurbishment were undertaken at each state school in the Southport Electorate:

School	Refurbishment of existing preschool classrooms	New classrooms built
Arundel State School	2	2
Musgrave Hill State School	2	1
Southport State School	2	2

Works undertaken in the non-state sector are managed by the respective Catholic and independent organisations and no information on facilities developed specifically for Prep is currently available.