

Question on Notice

No. 985

Asked on 8 June 2007

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise of initiatives to assist schools in the Chatsworth Electorate?

ANSWER:

Our Government announced the \$1b Tomorrow's Schools package in the 2006–07 Budget. It provided \$50m for the School Community Development Fund in 2006–07 and a further \$850m for the State Schools of Tomorrow initiative over the next five years.

State schools in the Chatsworth electorate, like all Queensland state schools, recently shared in the \$50m School Community Development Fund. Seven Chatsworth state schools are currently engaged in the delivery of 13 School Community Development Fund projects valued at a total of \$346 400. These minor capital works projects will enable schools and their communities greater opportunity to improve and shape learning environments.

The next stage of the Tomorrows Schools initiative is the start of the State Schools of Tomorrow (SSOT) school renewal projects. The SSOT initiative is expected to commence in the coming months with a small number of round one projects in schools throughout Queensland, closely followed by round two.

One of the hallmarks of State Schools of Tomorrow is its strong commitment to community engagement. For the first time in Queensland history, schools with shared enrolment boundaries will have the chance to form a cluster that works together to create a shared, long-term, sustainable vision for state education in their area.

The following table lists School Community Development Fund projects approved for schools in the Chatsworth Electorate. These funds have been placed in school bank accounts and schools are currently completing projects.

School Name	Grant	Project descriptions
Belmont State School	\$76 400	General Learning Area Enhancement
Camp Hill State School	\$59 000	Block A enhancement
Carina State School	\$36 800	Healthy Lifestyles Project and Outdoor Learning Centre
Gumdale State School	\$53 400	Safe Access Fencing, Prep Playground Equipment Enhancement and Responsible Water Management Systems
Mayfield State School	\$20 600	Outdoor Learning Area, Outdoor Lighting and Playing Field Enhancement
Tingalpa State School	\$31 900	A playground for all students and Early phase outdoor play/activities area
Whites Hill State College	\$68 300	Bridging the Gap - Covered Walkway

Since 2002–03, state schools in the Chatsworth electorate have received over \$1.04m in Information Communication Technology (ICT) Annual Grants for maintenance of computers and other technologies. In 2006–07, state schools in the Chatsworth electorate received \$214 609 in ICT Annual Grants.

Belmont State School

In the 2006 school year, teachers at Belmont State School received additional ICT funding to investigate how the latest new technologies can benefit teaching and learning.

Using ICT, students can produce claymation movies, create choose-your-own-adventure stories and design websites. Once they complete the projects, they display their work on the school intranet, for all the school to see.

Teachers from Belmont State School participated in the Intel Teach Professional Development Program in 2006. The Intel Teach program is a partnership between Intel Australia and Education Queensland to help make ICT integral to learning by ensuring teachers can receive extensive training and resources to promote the effective use of ICT in classroom.

Two Master Trainers participated in a 40 hour professional development program centred on ICT Curriculum integration and online learning tools. The Master Trainers then delivered the program to colleagues in their school and a showcase was held to celebrate the success of the teachers involved.

Whites Hill State College

In the 2006 school year, Whites Hill State College received \$4000 additional funding so local community members could boost their skills in using email, navigating through websites, podcasting, paying bills online, and shopping and searching through the internet. This funding helped raise the e-literacy of community members and developed enterprising e-links with the school's wider community.

The project built on the training in basic computer skills and internet searching that the school delivered to more than 60 community members in 2004.