

Question on Notice

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Asked on 26 August 2008

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

QUESTION:

- (1) Will he state every school that will be closed within the next five years as a result of State Schools of Tomorrow?
- (2) Which schools will he not guarantee to remain open, and what will be the forecast saving or cost in recurrent expenditure as a result of these closures?

ANSWER:

1. The Government's \$1 billion *Tomorrow's Schools* program is the largest-ever single investment to benefit students and teachers. The \$850 million *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative provides an unprecedented opportunity to plan for the future of education and undertake major renewal and modernisation of state schools.

As a part of the initiative and through lengthy community consultation, four schools have been identified to close, a further three will amalgamate to a single site and four will relocate to a renewed or new site.

Inala West and Richlands state schools in the Inala-Durack area and Blackstone and Dinmore state schools in the eastern Ipswich area will all close with plans in place for the students of these schools to relocate to other renewed state schools in close proximity. Wynnum North, Wynnum Central and Lindum state schools will amalgamate to the one site in the Bayside area. Innisfail State High School and Innisfail Inclusive Education Centre will relocate to the Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE in Innisfail and Wynnum North and Bremer state high schools will relocate to new sites.

These are the only closures, amalgamations or relocations planned as part of the *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative.

2. Modelling indicates an approximate total of \$2.1 million annually in recurrent savings for the closure or relocation of the group of eleven school sites.