

Question on Notice

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Asked on 28 October 2008

Mr Hinchliffe asked the Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) –

QUESTION:

Will he detail extra maintenance funding made available under the State Schools of Tomorrow (SSoT) initiative for Kedron State High School, Wavell State High School, Kedron State School and Wilston State School?

ANSWER:

The first round of the SSoT External Maintenance program has provided almost \$45 million to address external maintenance in state school sites, including environmental and outdoor education centres. Funds made available from the 2008/09 allocation to the schools listed above are detailed below:

Kedron State High School	\$119,625
Kedron State School	\$78,738
Wavell State High School	\$190,102
Wilston State School	\$52,800

This is part of our major makeover of schools across the state as part of the \$1 billion *Tomorrow's Schools* initiative.

It will fast-track works such as painting and repairs and replacement of wall cladding, roofs, guttering, downpipes, windows, doors, posts, verandahs and staircases.

We have 22,000 buildings to maintain across the state so its imperative that we keep up with vital repairs and improvements.

This huge boost will make a big difference to the learning environments for our students.

Research shows the environment in which students learn can have a significant impact on the learning outcomes of students. Our students deserve the very best.

This funding will significantly enhance the State Government's schools maintenance program, bringing the total school maintenance budget for 2008-09 to \$125.3 million.

The Bligh Government is delivering world-class education and training – now and into the future.

We have a program in place to renew our older schools with modern infrastructure makeovers and build high-tech new ones to accommodate our growing student population.

Our \$850 million five-year *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative is about planning for the future of education in Queensland and undertaking major renewal, maintenance and modernisation of state schools.