

Question on Notice

No. 1595

Asked on 30 October 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent announcement of additional maintenance funding for six public schools in the electorate of Capalaba—
Will he advise (a) how this funding will assist the schools and (b) details of the work that will be undertaken with this funding?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government's \$90m boost over two years for maintenance announced on 9 October 2008 is the single biggest funding injection into the maintenance of Queensland schools in the state's history.

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

Six schools in the Capalaba electorate will share a total budget of \$419,540 in 2008/09 in the first round.

1.	Alexandra Hills State High School	\$27,610.00
2.	Birkdale South State School	\$74,382.00
3.	Capalaba State College	\$159,610.00
4.	Coolnwynpin State School	\$63,338.00
5.	Hilliard State School	\$42,295.00
6.	Vienna Woods State School	\$52,305.00

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.