

Question on Notice

No. 1813

Asked on 25 November 2008

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

QUESTION: What is the cost of primary school state education in Bulimba?

ANSWER:

During the 2007 school year, a total of 2536 children were enrolled at state schools within the Bulimba electorate, 198 of which were enrolled in the preparatory year program. During the 2008 school year, a total of 2596 children were enrolled, 329 of which were enrolled in the preparatory year program. Total staffing at state schools within the Bulimba electorate was 263.2 FTE over the 2007–08 financial year.

Total operating outlays for primary schools in the Bulimba electorate for the 2007-08 financial year were \$14 879 041. This includes staffing costs, grants to schools to meet day to day running costs, special purpose grants and depreciation. In addition, schools within the Bulimba electorate received a total in 2007–08 of \$1 355 065 in capital works grants and \$666 000 for maintenance of school facilities.

Using the \$1 355 065 in capital works grants, the following significant capital projects were completed:

- refurbishment of the Art Block and upgrading of kiln accommodation at Balmoral State High School totalling \$80 213
- installation of air-conditioning, additional accommodation and refurbishment of existing facilities at Bulimba State School totalling \$506 694
- refurbishment of classrooms and construction of outdoor areas at Cannon Hill State School totalling \$71 755
- establishment of a cultural research centre at Murarrie State School for a cost of \$69 929
- construction of additional amenities and refurbishment of existing facilities at Norman Park State School totalling \$351 230
- construction of additional buildings, upgrade of infrastructure and electrical works at Seven Hills State School totalling \$254 514.

Balmoral State High School, Bulimba, Murarrie, Morningside, Cannon Hill, Norman Park and Seven Hills State Schools all work together as a Gateway Learning Community (GLC) that connects school communities, business, parents, teachers and students to promote public education and provide enriched opportunities of improving learning for all.

GLC has undertaken a range of projects throughout 2008. Projects included:

- a staged evening festival event, Wildwords, on 29 August 2008 at Balmoral State High School. Staged annually since 2003, GLC schools provided activity based displays and performances around the theme 'Smart Stuff'. Wildwords was a culminating festival event for showcasing learning from Terms 1, 2 and 3 in 2008 across the seven schools
- supporting instrumental ensembles across the seven schools to rehearse together on a weekly basis and enter various band competitions and performances at community and school based events. This enabled students to play at and advance their personal levels, rehearsing and performing within sizeable, successful bands. Year 5 instrumental music students also attended a band camp.
- providing additional student support in GLC schools through the services of a chaplain. In 2008, Balmoral State High School's chaplaincy service continued and a chaplaincy service was implemented at Bulimba and Norman Park State Schools
- the setting up and management of the Smith Family's Student2Student program across the seven schools to improve the reading age of participating Years 3 and 4 students, and to give Year 6 and 7 students opportunities to develop leadership through mentoring younger students and participating in community service.