

Question on Notice

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Asked on 22 March 2011

Mrs Miller asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

How has the State Schools of Tomorrow program assisted the students of Bundamba State Secondary College?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and her interest in education and the State Schools of Tomorrow (SSOT) program in her electorate.

As one of the Eastern Ipswich cluster schools, Bundamba State Secondary College has undergone major refurbishment to deliver 21st century learning environments for the Bundamba school community through a Bligh Government investment of \$16.5 million.

The Bligh Government is dedicated to delivering a first-class education system to give Queensland kids a great start to learning and life. This government's unprecedented investment into education includes the \$60 million Solar and Energy Efficiency in State Schools Program, the \$900 million universal access to kindergarten program and the \$850 million State Schools of Tomorrow school building and refurbishment program, which is the largest one-off capital investment in education to be undertaken by any Queensland Government to date.

The facilities provided through the SSOT project at Bundamba State Secondary College include:

- Music Block G
- Performance Art Centre
- Leadership Centre
- Visitors and staff car park
- Underground water tank
- Major internal refurbishment, including new flooring and external & internal painting, to the Junior Science block (Block A)
- Refurbishments to teaching blocks, Junior Manual Arts Workshop, Dance Building, Arts and Visual Arts Block, Technology and Library Blocks, Administration, Staff and Student Services Area, Hall and new Special Education Unit facilities
- Upgrading of classrooms with internal and external repainting, replacement floor coverings, provision of additional electrical and data outlets to provide flexibility in IT learning
- Covered links, external fencing and landscaping.

Bundamba State Secondary College staff, students and school community have reaped the rewards of this investment in school renewal. For example:

- New facilities have enabled the school to offer new studies in dance, drama, music, health and physical education.
- The Leadership Centre provides the opportunity for students to participate in extension and development programs.
- The refurbishment of existing buildings has revitalised ageing buildings and provided bright and inviting environments where the students can learn and the staff can work and relax between classes.
- A new café attached to the Food Technology Department has enabled students to participate in Certificate 3 in Hospitality studies and host events with parents, staff and the school community.

- Conversion of the former music area into a student services facility fitted out with work stations for the staff, together with an improved staff common area with kitchenette facilities.
- Classrooms have become better equipped to provide 21st century learning throughout the Middle School and Maths departments.
- New furniture provides flexibility in use for class and small group project activities.