



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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\$9,999,250 to Local Schools

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce almost \$10 million in funding for four primary schools in Newcastle, under Round One of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century program.

This program is phase two of the Rudd Labor Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution (BER). Newcastle schools have now received more than \$17 million in funding under the BER.

"It is great to see local schools securing the funding for these infrastructure projects, providing modern facilities that will cater for the students of today, and of tomorrow", Ms Grierson said.

"This massive investment will not only benefit local schools, but also support local jobs and the economy. The whole community will reap the rewards."

Construction and refurbishment work will commence as soon as possible, with some projects planned to begin this month providing immediate support for local jobs.

The second phase of the BER will deliver much needed funding to every primary school for major infrastructure projects, including libraries, multipurpose halls and classrooms.

This first round is for 20% of projects, with further successful school projects being announced in the coming months.

"I urge all local primary schools to submit applications for Round Two which closes on 15 May 2009 and Round Three which closes on 10th July 2009," Ms Grierson said.

A list of the successful schools and their planned projects is attached.

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Planned Projects:

Belair Public School: New hall, canteen and Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
\$3,000,000

Heaton Public School: New hall and COLA
\$2,000,000

New Lambton South Public School: New hall, COLA, and Enabling Work
\$2,500,000

Newcastle Grammar School (Park Campus): Construction of Multipurpose Hall
\$2,499,250