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Federal Member for Newcastle

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**More Local Schools to Benefit from BER**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced \$1,325,000 in funding to go to 11 local schools for infrastructure and refurbishment projects under Round Two of the Rudd Labor Government's National School Pride Program.

"This funding will provide welcome improvements to important educational facilities, as well as providing valuable support to local jobs and the economy," Ms Grierson said.

This final round of the National School Pride Program comes as part of the Federal Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution (BER).

"After the two rounds of funding, The National School Pride Program has seen over \$8,850,000 go to all eligible schools in the Newcastle area, with almost \$19 million in total allocated to local schools as part of the wider BER," Ms Grierson said.

The BER continues with two elements still open for applications – Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rounds Two and Three and Science and Language Centres for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

"I urge schools who qualify for these programs to apply, and wish all schools success with their new endeavours," Ms Grierson said.

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