



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

Media Release

26 October 2005

Investing In Our School Programme (IOSP) funding for 14 Newcastle Schools

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced Commonwealth grants totalling \$548,829 to 14 Newcastle government schools.

The grants will provide funding for much needed items such as shade and playground improvements, building upgrades and air-conditioning.

"I am pleased to announce funding for a total of 19 infrastructure improvement projects in Newcastle schools. These projects include the purchase of musical instruments at the Hunter School of Performing Arts and a covered walkway for Kotara South Public School" Ms Grierson said.

"With these grants providing money for important repairs, enhancements and new equipment for schools in our area, and it is unfortunate that these schools have been forced to wait an additional several months past the promised approval date of June before receiving the funding."

"Unfortunately our local schools, who have been counting on these grants to manage their budgets, have had to wait four extra months for these much needed funds"

Applications for Round Two of the *Investing in Our Schools Programme* are now closed and are due to be announced at the end of the year.

(see attached: Newcastle *Investing in Our Schools Grant Recipients Round 1 2005*)

For more information contact Sharon Grierson on (02) 4926 1555

Canberra
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Ph: 02 6277 4221
Fax: 02 6277 8461



Newcastle
427 Hunter Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Ph: 02 4926 1555
Fax: 02 4926 1895
www.sharongrierson.com