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**TOP MARKS FOR SCHOOLS - FAIL FOR THE GOVERNMENT**

After months of delays, the Federal Government has finally released the list of Newcastle schools receiving grants under Round Two of the Investing in Our Schools Program (IOSP).

20 Newcastle primary and high schools have secured a total of \$1,481,093 in funding. The funds will be used for improvements to infrastructure such as playground shading and improvements, security fencing, carpeting, library extensions, ICT facilities, air-conditioning, new classrooms and classroom refurbishments, and sports facilities.

"I congratulate Newcastle's schools, their P&Cs and communities for securing funding for much needed investments," Ms Grierson said today.

The successful schools were:

- Adamstown Public School
- Callaghan College, Jesmond
- Cameron Park School
- Carrington Public School
- Hamilton North Public School
- Hamilton Public School
- Hamilton South Public School
- Kotara High School
- Lambton High School
- Lambton Primary School
- Maryland Public School
- Merewether Public School
- New Lambton Heights Infants School
- New Lambton Public School
- Newcastle East Public School
- Plattsburg Public School
- Shortland Public School
- Stockton Public School
- Tighes Hill Public School
- Waratah West Public School

"While it is great to see this funding finally flowing to the schools, the Government has seriously bungled the process," Ms Grierson said.

"The schools applied for this funding in August last year. Why has it taken ten months to advise successful schools? With applications for Round 3 funding due next week, it is unacceptable that schools in Newcastle were left hanging until today."

"Schools need certainty and a level playing field so they can properly plan their infrastructure investments. In a disgraceful politicisation of schools funding, Government Members of Parliament were reportedly advising some successful schools in their areas at the start of the week while Newcastle schools had to wait until today."

"The politicisation of schools funding by the Howard Government must stop."

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