

Better Universities Renewal Funding 2008
Summary of Institutional Projects

Australian Catholic University

Allocation: \$5.889 million

Project Summary:

The Australian Catholic University has allocated Better Universities Renewal Funding to projects across all six campuses. Included are major upgrades of teaching spaces (including the conversion of Central Hall in Melbourne into a 500 seat lecture facility), upgraded student amenities on all campuses, and library and student study space developments at North Sydney. The University will also improve its nationwide information and communications technology capital infrastructure for teaching, learning and research through the upgrading of its AARNeT network access and other major ICT infrastructure to provide more modern and robust teaching and research IT facilities for staff and students.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

The Australian National University

Allocation: \$23.973 million

Project Summary:

The Australian National University has made a major commitment to improved student amenities via Better Universities Renewal Funding. The University will construct new workspaces for postgraduate students and new library student learning spaces for individual or group work, build a new functions/meetings area for the student associations and affiliated clubs and societies, and provide extended student information services across the entire campus by deploying next generation wireless technology. The University will also use the funding for capital works to improve the teaching and research environment, including the construction of digitally-enabled and laptop-friendly lecture theatres, new infrastructure for plant science and archaeological and natural history research, and construction of an enclosed high roof industrial laboratory for engineering research.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

Allocation: \$0.35 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education to revitalise its student teaching and learning environment through a significant upgrade to its academic conference facilities. The upgrade will create a superior learning environment for indigenous students and include installation of audio-visual and computer based teaching aids designed to facilitate collaboration between students and enhance the collaborative relationship with academic staff. The facility will house modern video conference teaching capabilities to allow the Institute to further support education in remote areas.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; teaching spaces.

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Bond University

Allocation: \$1.362 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used for an extension and major refurbishment to Bond University's Main Library. The funding will allow the University to develop a 'next generation' library space that will offer diverse learning experiences. An environment will be created in which printed and digital information will be combined with spaces that support today's collaborative learning patterns.

Priority areas addressed by project: libraries and student study spaces.

Central Queensland University

Allocation: \$5.455 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable Central Queensland University to upgrade its Community Sports Centre stadium in Rockhampton. The upgrade will make the facility suitable for sporting events, graduations and examinations, and improved teaching facilities will house new physiology and biomechanics laboratories and postgraduate research space for the School of Health and Human Performance and related disciplines. The University will also use Better Universities Renewal Funding to undertake a major refurbishment of its Engineering Teaching Precinct at Rockhampton and to complete an upgrade of teaching and research ICT infrastructure servicing its regional campus network.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Charles Darwin University

Allocation: \$2.954 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be directed towards an expansion of the Sport and Recreation Precinct on the Casuarina Campus. The expansion will be in the form of new teaching and laboratory spaces for sports science and physiotherapy and include a world class 200m² sports science laboratory and teaching area (connected to a custom-built 25m running track) and dedicated physiotherapy teaching and practical space. The development will complement other Precinct developments to yield a high quality teaching and research environment.

Priority areas addressed by project: laboratories; teaching spaces.

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Charles Sturt University

Allocation: \$11.645 million

Project Summary:

The University will use Better Universities Renewal Funding across a range of campuses to improve the quality, access and functionality of its infrastructure. Student spaces at Thurgoona, Wagga Wagga & Bathurst will be updated and expanded, and the Learning Commons at Bathurst will be extended to encompass the whole library. The extension and refurbishment of the Morell Laboratories at Wagga Wagga will enable the integration of world class technologies including a full mock hospital ward for the expansion of the Nursing and Midwifery courses incorporating linked tutorial and scenario observation stations. The University will also embark on a major extension of its wireless network capacity and install integrated podcasting, vodcasting and synchronous online learning tools within the University's Online Learning Environment.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Curtin University of Technology

Allocation: \$13.707 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used to refurbish the Chemistry Building, one of the University's oldest buildings on the Bentley Campus in Western Australia, to create a modern and integrated suite of research and teaching laboratories and ancillary facilities for the Health and Life Sciences. In addition, the project will expand facilities for the Student Self Learning Commons, student amenities and provide much needed additional study, office and general teaching space in a central location on the campus. The University will also take the opportunity to update 40 year old services infrastructure within the building.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Deakin University

Allocation: \$13.782 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable Deakin University to deliver a new suite of advanced chemical and biological laboratories on its Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds. The project will create eight large laboratories, laboratory support rooms, temperature controlled rooms, a solvent distillation room, equipment rooms, study areas for students and researchers along with meeting, break-out and seminar spaces. The facility will enhance collaborative research conducted by multi-disciplinary teams, primarily in the chemical and biological sciences. A specialist teaching laboratory will also be created allowing students to complete physiology units at the Geelong Campus rather than having to travel to the University's Burwood Campus in Melbourne, as is currently required.

Priority areas addressed by project: laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces.

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Edith Cowan University

Allocation: \$9.188 million

Project Summary:

Edith Cowan University will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to expand student amenities at its Mount Lawley Campus by constructing a crèche and undertaking significant site works for the development new student accommodation. The new facility will provide a minimum of 300 beds and will be developed through a public private partnership. In addition, significant renewal works will be undertaken at the campus to improve teaching spaces for the Faculty of Education and Arts, upgrade visual arts design studios, media and broadcasting facilities, and student study areas. To support the needs of the Faculty of Computing, Health and Sciences, laboratories will be provided at the Joondalup Campus.

Priority areas addressed by project: laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; and student amenities.

The Flinders University of South Australia

Allocation: \$8.931 million

Project Summary:

Flinders University will use its Better Universities Renewal Funding to improve teaching and learning facilities through a complete upgrade of the University's six major lecture theatres, the construction of new clinical laboratories for nursing, midwifery and allied medical programs, additional collaborative learning spaces in the Central Library and a University-wide wireless network providing students with access to University systems and online resources. Student amenities will also be enhanced through an upgrade of the University's refectory.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Griffith University

Allocation: \$16.212 million

Project Summary:

Griffith University will utilise Better Universities Renewal Funding for a variety of projects including the construction of a new Student Centre that will house a number of non-academic student related functions on the Nathan Campus. The funding will also support a major refurbishment of existing space at the Mt Gravatt Campus to accommodate increasing numbers of research students; help to reconfigure and refurbish biomolecular laboratories on the Nathan Campus and; undertake major renovations to a number of lecture theatres to create highly flexible, state-of-the-art teaching spaces that facilitate mixed modes of teaching.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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James Cook University

Allocation: \$7.845 million

Project Summary:

James Cook University plans to use the majority of its Better Universities Renewal Funding to redevelop the Eddie Koiki Mabo Library building on Douglas Campus to create a student-centred facility with information services, technology support, and learning support designed around an integrated digital environment. The goal is to develop a contemporary mix of formal, informal and interactive social, learning and research spaces to ensure that the Library and Learning Centre is a vibrant student centre ready to deliver a new range of resources and services supporting flexible, self-directed learning and research. The funding will also be used to upgrade teaching and learning facilities within the Faculty of Law Business and Creative Arts and the School of Tropical and Marine Biology.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

La Trobe University

Allocation: \$14.291 million

Project Summary:

La Trobe University is capitalising on the Better Universities Renewal Funding initiative to improve campus infrastructure in line with its Master Plan. A new Student Hub will combine all non-academic student services into a single building on the Bundoora Campus. The building will house a range of student services including enrolment, legal and financial services, counselling, advocacy, transport services and accommodation sourcing. The new facility will also include a student lounge, project spaces and study facilities. Better study and learning facilities will also result from the expansion of study spaces within the library, creating a more suitable space for evolving learning styles and practices. A major refurbishment of wet laboratories will enhance infrastructure for life sciences and molecular medicine research. The University's voice and data networks will also undergo a major upgrade. Along with expanded lecture recording and transmission capacity, this will create more effective learning opportunities for all students, but particularly the University's regional students.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Macquarie University

Allocation: \$11.873 million

Project Summary:

Macquarie University has allocated its Better Universities Renewal Funding to assist with the completion of three projects of significant importance to the University. The first is a new University library which is expected to be completed during 2010. The building will have space for 3000 flexible study spaces and cater for students with special needs, research, post graduate and undergraduate students. The University will also refurbish the former Australian Film Television and Audio School building which will provide learning for media, film, music, dance, radio production, cultural studies and international communications. New laboratories are also being created which incorporate an open floor plan to allow a more efficient use of space with enhanced teaching effectiveness.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces.

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Melbourne College of Divinity

Allocation: \$0.339 million

Project Summary:

The Melbourne College of Divinity will use Better Universities Renewal Funding for ICT infrastructure for research and teaching including the fit out of classrooms and lecture theatres and installation of wireless internet and student access portals. The College will also undertake the major refurbishment of student study spaces and library facilities including library IT systems and computer laboratories. The funding provides the opportunity to renew the technology infrastructure of the College to ensure the highest quality teaching and learning outcomes, and to effectively support the College's research scholars.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Monash University

Allocation: \$29.602 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable Monash University to undertake a number of projects that will significantly enhance its teaching and research capabilities. The University will embark on a major upgrade to its information and communications technology network to provide enhanced teaching platforms and research data warehousing capacity. It will also deliver major science laboratory refurbishments to create state-of-the-art research facilities with flexible and innovative working spaces to expand the University's research output. In addition, the University's fit-out of new teaching space at one of its major teaching hospitals, The Alfred Hospital, will be undertaken to provide expanded, new and innovative environment to support its medical training.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; teaching spaces.

Murdoch University

Allocation: \$7.789 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used to refurbish the Veterinary diagnostic imaging facilities, including upgrades to the space itself to allow new teaching laboratory facilities, and the provision of the latest digital imaging technologies. The University will also install new sports facilities to support new academic programs and to provide improved amenities for all students as part of an enhanced campus experience. A new Student Service Centre will consolidate multiple student service centres across the main campus into one location, and provide new student support facilities, consultation areas and a helpdesk. In addition, the University is upgrading laboratory facilities and implementing a new research support system to more effectively support research related activities.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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Queensland University of Technology

Allocation: \$19.156 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used to upgrade the Kelvin Grove Library, updating learning facilities and improving access to services for students with a disability. The refurbishments will include the upgrade of base building services as well as improved study spaces and ICT facilities. The University will also invest in the upgrade of much needed digital equipment within the Creative Industries Precinct. The upgrade will include infrastructure for specialist digital recording and audio visual equipment that mirrors that used in professional environments. In addition, the University will embark on a major upgrade to its library facilities at the Gardens Point Campus. The refurbishment includes the relocation of the current print periodicals collection to make way for dedicated group study rooms and informal group learning areas offering enhanced technology services. Further enhancements at the Gardens Point Campus include the refurbishment of the Law & Justice Centre, as well as an update of the Student Labs facility, to provide a more functional teaching and research environment for both staff and students.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

RMIT University

Allocation: \$14.430 million

Project Summary:

RMIT University will invest its Better University Renewal Funding in improved teaching and learning facilities and student amenities at its City and Bundoora campuses. At its City Campus nine new teaching spaces will be built and existing space renovated to provide a new home for RMIT student services. RMIT will also develop Franklin Street, between Swanston and Victoria Streets, to create additional outdoor space for student use. At its Bundoora Campus, a new state-of-the-art lecture theatre will be constructed to provide much needed additional teaching space at the campus. Student amenities will also be enhanced and new ICT infrastructure will improve student access to university services, including library, teaching and research facilities.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

Southern Cross University

Allocation: \$5.169 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will allow Southern Cross University to improve services for both students and staff. A Student Support Centre at the Lismore Campus will bring together counselling, financial support, study support and health services. In addition, the environmental sciences laboratories will be extended and upgraded. An extension of existing facilities will create a Multi-Purpose Health Centre at Lismore which will be used for sport testing, clinical trials and workshops, and allow the relocation of the teaching Naturopathy Clinic to within campus grounds as well as provide additional teaching space. Additional teaching space will also be constructed for the Masters Degree Program at Gnibi College of Australian Indigenous Peoples.

Priority areas addressed by project: laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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Swinburne University of Technology

Allocation: \$6.437 million

Project Summary:

The Swinburne Student Services building will combine all non-academic student services into a single building to be constructed in the middle of the Hawthorn Campus. The building will include student lounge, project spaces and study facilities; gymnasium space; prayer rooms; advocacy, language and study support services; consolidated health services, as well as providing a purpose built data machine room which will service all six of Swinburne's Melbourne based campuses.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; student study spaces; student amenities.

The University of Adelaide

Allocation: \$15.476 million

Project Summary:

The University of Adelaide's new Student Learning Hub will be a 'one-stop-shop' for student services and learning in the heart of the North Terrace Campus. The enclosed precinct will be a lively student destination, bringing together student support services with formal and informal teaching, learning and project spaces, and lounge, study and café facilities - adjacent to the library and on-campus medical services. The Student Learning Hub will incorporate an extension of a campus-wide high-speed wireless network, allowing easy, flexible and secure access to resources and materials for students and staff anytime anywhere.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of Ballarat

Allocation: \$2.898 million

Project Summary:

The University of Ballarat will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to redevelop many of its Science and Engineering laboratories. This redevelopment will enhance opportunities for industry linkages and lead to world-class Science and Engineering teaching facilities at the Mt Helen Campus using best-practice design. In addition, significant refurbishments will be carried out to the Albert Coates Complex, the major student 'hub' of the Mt Helen Campus. New generation learning and study spaces also will be created at the SMB campus library.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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University of Canberra

Allocation: \$4.694 million

Project Summary:

The University of Canberra will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to renovate the existing Faculty of Creative Practice space to create a national media training centre on the University's Bruce Campus. The centre will house state-of-the-art studios, laboratories and teaching rooms, and will provide a learning experience that mirrors industry practice across the journalism, multimedia and marketing communication disciplines. A major refurbishment and extension of laboratory, teaching and research facilities at the Faculty of Science and Institute of Applied Ecology will also be undertaken; flexible learning options for students will be enhanced through the upgrade and expansion the University's lecture streaming technology and; research students at the Faculty of Education will have access to improved facilities.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces.

The University of Melbourne

Allocation: \$34.759 million

Project Summary:

The University of Melbourne will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to develop Student Centres which will provide a 'one-stop-shop' for student service delivery for Biomedicine, Environment and Science Students. Co-located Learning Centres with teaching, collaborative and social learning spaces are supported by IT-rich environments. The funding will also be used to develop an Arts Graduate School which will provide collaborative teaching spaces and informal learning areas with wireless connectivity and multi-media facilities, seminar rooms, lecture spaces, computer labs and student services facilities for graduate students in the Arts Precinct.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of New England

Allocation: \$7.261 million

Project Summary:

Leading-edge climate change and greenhouse research undertaken at the University will be significantly enhanced by the development of a state-of-the-art facility to undertake soil carbon and greenhouse gas studies. This will incorporate research student study spaces and laboratory facilities and will be complemented by the establishment of a high resolution 3D X-ray uTomography laboratory for teaching and research. Better Universities Renewal Funding will also enable significant improvement in the University's e-learning infrastructure and much-needed enhancements to student amenities including the University's student radio station that has been broadcasting for almost 40 years and is Australia's only continually operating student-based community radio station.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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University of New South Wales

Allocation: \$26.1 million

Project Summary:

The University will invest its Better Universities Renewal Funding in information and communications technology, student study spaces and research laboratories. The ICT investment will form part of the University's \$50m renewal program for its IT platforms. The modernisation will significantly increase capability and reliability for the high-end users of IT capacity - students and researchers. The University will increase by 1,400 its provision of student study spaces, both formal and in-formal, around the Kensington Campus. The University's investment in laboratories will increase capacity in one of its areas of strength - material science and engineering.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; and teaching spaces.

University of Newcastle

Allocation: \$13.745 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable The University of Newcastle to deliver real benefits to students through the upgrade or additions to existing teaching and learning, research and amenity spaces bringing these facilities up to contemporary standards and providing for increased innovation in approaches to teaching. Several projects at the Callaghan Campus include an upgrade of existing teaching and learning spaces for architecture, business and education, and the construction of several new teaching laboratories in allied health, nursing and engineering. The University is also undertaking several projects at its Ourimbah campus to upgrade teaching and learning spaces, laboratories and student amenities. At the Port Macquarie Campus, the University has committed Better Universities Renewal Funding towards the construction of independent learning facilities within the existing cafeteria and library building.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of Notre Dame Australia

Allocation: \$2.58 million

Project Summary:

The University of Notre Dame Australia will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to embark on a major upgrade to its information technology, audio visual and data network. The upgrade will ensure Notre Dame's teaching and research capability can meet the rapidly changing needs of this generation of staff and students. The University will also refurbish a site on the Broadway Campus to create a new academic centre. The development will comprise two 150 seat state-of-the-art lecture theatres and four tutorial rooms. Better Universities Renewal Funding will also enable a specialist fit out of its purpose built teacher Education Building which will be situated in the heart of the Fremantle Campus.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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The University of Queensland

Allocation: \$30.159 million

Project Summary:

The University is using Better Universities Renewal Funding to undertake several projects including the construction of new veterinary science teaching laboratories for the School of Veterinary Science at the Gatton Campus. The funding will also go toward upgrading teaching space on four levels of the Clinical Sciences building at the Herston Campus. The University will also replace accommodation at the Heron Island Research Station which is utilised for student field trips averaging some 1,300 students annually. The refurbishment of the Joyce Ackroyd Building at the St Lucia Campus will enable the relocation of the School of Journalism and Communication. The project will provide a facility for the training of future journalists and communications professionals in the changing technological world of media.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of South Australia

Allocation: \$13.346 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used to provide direct benefits to existing and new students at the University. Projects include a new data centre which will improve the capacity, capability and flexibility of the University's information and communication technology infrastructure to support teaching, learning and emerging e-Research activities. The funding will also contribute towards the construction of a new building dedicated developing innovative solutions and technologies for environmental contamination problems. The Nursing Skills teaching laboratories and associated spaces will be refurbished and a range of other teaching spaces will be upgraded to provide new experiential and modern learning environments that support both tutor-led and learner-led activities enabling hands-on teaching and learning for students. Student amenities will also be enhanced at the Mawson Lakes and City West Campuses.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of Southern Queensland

Allocation: \$5.943 million

Project Summary:

The University will use its Better Universities Renewal Funding towards the development of an innovative, new Learning Commons that will revitalise the heart of the Toowoomba Campus. The Learning Commons, incorporating enhanced library services, learning spaces and student amenities, will provide a context for 21st century learning and help equip students with the skills required for participation in the modern workplace. Better Universities Renewal Funding will also help deliver ICT infrastructure that will allow students, including those studying off-campus, enhanced access to learning and teaching resources, research resources and student management functions online.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; libraries and student study spaces; student amenities.

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The University of Sydney

Allocation: \$35.219 million

Project Summary:

The University of Sydney will use Better Universities Renewal Funding on a range of priority projects which will renew vital campus infrastructure. The projects provide key benefits to undergraduate and graduate teaching and include upgrades of teaching space within lecture and seminar rooms with an emphasis on up-to-date application of digital technology, including interactive and multimodal, flexible teaching delivery systems. Other projects include refurbishment and upgrade of laboratory teaching space and ancillary facilities for biological sciences, significant investment in library resources and amenities for students. These project works will increase The University of Sydney's ability to deliver first class education, research and student support facilities.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

University of Tasmania

Allocation: \$11.456 million

Project Summary:

The University of Tasmania will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to establish new teaching facilities for its School of Medicine. The teaching facilities will be located in a new building close to the Royal Hobart Hospital and will provide the focal point for Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery students as well as related health sciences professionals in Tasmania. The facilities will include a lecture theatre, specialist teaching laboratories, clinical practice teaching suites, large and small teaching/tutorial rooms with video conference and audio visual equipment, and group study areas, catering for 500 students. The co-location of the teaching facilities with medical research functions will provide a foundation for increased collaboration between professionals working in teaching and research, and foster career pathways for students between research and clinical practice.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; teaching spaces.

University of Technology, Sydney

Allocation: \$13.698 million

Project Summary:

The University will invest Better Universities Renewal Funding in nine major capital works projects which will substantially enhance the student amenities on the Campus and provide critical support for teaching and research activities across several faculties including Science, Business, Engineering and Information Technology, and Arts and Social Sciences. The University's objective is to develop flexible and imaginative learning environments for students with the support of creative and effective technologies. Projects include the creation of a Research Hub which will bring together two major research groups, the Centre for Study of Choice and the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation. Also supported are upgrades to student amenities, study spaces, and laboratories.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; and student amenities.

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University of the Sunshine Coast

Allocation: \$2.299 million

Project Summary:

The University of the Sunshine Coast will use Better Universities Renewal Funding to create specialist facilities within the new Health and Sport Centre. The Health and Sport Centre is located in the heart of the University's Sports Precinct and houses specialised teaching, training and clinic facilities for the health and sport sciences, namely, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, paramedics, nutrition and dietetics. In addition, the University will embark on a major upgrade to its information technology video and data network.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; teaching spaces; student amenities.

The University of Western Australia

Allocation: \$16.208 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will assist the University with the construction of a new Science Library building at the Crawley Campus. The building will amalgamate collections from several smaller, dispersed libraries into a centrally located, state-of-the-art environment. The four storey building will incorporate group study rooms, individual research spaces, a grid access room and other multimedia teaching spaces. The building will also house a café and parenting rooms. Special attention has been given to the provision of empathetic and high quality universal access and design.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; student study spaces; and teaching spaces.

University of Western Sydney

Allocation: \$15.854 million

Project Summary:

The University of Western Sydney will use Better University Renewal Funding for a number of much-needed infrastructure projects across its campuses including developing a student precinct at the Parramatta Campus, a major growth campus of the University. The University will also refurbish the Hawkesbury Campus Library to ensure students have access to modern library facilities and extensively refurbish the School of Computing and Mathematics at the Parramatta Campus to provide new teaching and postgraduate research laboratory space. Other works will include refurbishing the Penrith Campus engineering precinct and developing a multi-function facility for Indigenous education at the Kingswood site of the Penrith Campus, as part of the University's continuing commitment to Indigenous education. The new Badanami Indigenous Education Centre will be a focal point for Indigenous and other communities.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; laboratories; libraries and student study spaces; teaching spaces; student amenities.

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University of Wollongong

Allocation: \$9.738 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will be used for a major refurbishment of the Hope Theatre, the largest tiered lecture theatre in the University. This will create a state of the art teaching space with enhanced audio visual capacity and acoustics, which will enhance student teaching and learning outcomes. In addition, the University will embark on a major upgrade to its information technology voice and data network. This will include refreshing the aged wireless network across the Wollongong Campus to provide a more seamless, robust and functional teaching and research communication environment for both staff and students.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; teaching spaces.

Victoria University

Allocation: \$8.185 million

Project Summary:

Better Universities Renewal Funding will enable Victoria University to integrate physical teaching spaces with new technologies to enhance teaching and research. Audio and video enabled classrooms will facilitate online learning and flexible delivery not constrained to physical locations on campus. The University will embark upon a significant upgrade of its network infrastructure across all campuses to deliver systems for collaborative learning and research. The project will provide students with the ability to learn in a wide range of settings whether it be at the University, the workplace or other locations of their choosing.

Priority areas addressed by project: information and communications technology; teaching spaces.

Total does not add to \$500 million due to rounding.