



Building the Education Revolution

National School Pride Program

The National School Pride program is a key component of the Building the Education Revolution which will see \$14.7 billion invested over three years under the Australian Government's Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan.

The National School Pride program will deliver a total \$1.3 billion in funding to all Australian schools – primary and secondary, government and non-government, urban, regional and remote – to undertake construction of small scale infrastructure and minor refurbishment projects and at the same time provide immediate support for jobs.

Round One

On 5 April 2009 the Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, announced that 8,663 projects across 5,965 Australian schools would receive \$828.16 million in funding under Round One of the National School Pride program.

Projects funded under Round One will commence immediately in order to meet the completion deadline of 20 December 2009. This will provide immediate benefits to schools, and will have a positive impact on local economies.

A variety of projects have been funded under this round, including refurbishment of playing fields, construction of outdoor shaded areas, repairs to roofs, downpipes and gutters, replacement of blackboards with interactive whiteboards, painting, installation of water tanks and insulation, replacement of demountable classrooms, and upgrading of canteens and kitchens.

Funding for the National School Pride program is based upon two milestone payments: 50 per cent upon commencement and the remaining 50 per cent payable upon completion.

A full list of successful schools and their planned projects under Round One are available at www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au.

Where to next?

The second and final round of the National School Pride program will close on 8 May 2009. Round Two will provide further funding for eligible Australian schools at the beginning of the 2009-10 financial year. Those schools that did not apply in Round One will have an opportunity to apply for funding in Round Two. Round Two projects must be completed by the 1 February 2010.

For further information about Building the Education Revolution visit www.australia.gov.au/economicstimulus.

