



Building the Education Revolution

Primary Schools for the 21st Century

Primary Schools for the 21st Century 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.

Primary Schools for the 21st Century will deliver a total \$12.4 billion in funding to build or renew large scale infrastructure in all primary schools, including special schools and K–12s (primary component).

The construction of 21st century libraries is the first priority for Primary Schools for the 21st Century, followed by the construction of multipurpose halls, or in the case of smaller schools, covered outdoor learning areas. These buildings will provide students, teachers and the wider school community with access to a range of high quality resources, information and cutting edge tools to support learning and improve the quality and diversity of learning environments.

Round Two

On 12 June 2009 the Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, announced that 4973 projects across 3716 Australian primary schools would receive \$6.3 billion in funding under Round Two of Primary Schools for the 21st Century.

P21 has to date delivered \$9.1 billion, increasing the ability of 5215 Australian primary schools to deliver a world-class education to meet the needs of today's students and teachers.

Under Round Two of P21 \$4.2 billion (66 per cent) of funding will go to Government schools, \$1.3 billion (20 per cent) to Catholic schools and \$894 million (14 per cent) to Independent schools.

Projects funded under Round Two will commence immediately in order to meet the completion deadline of 31 January 2011. 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 the construction of new libraries, multi-purpose halls, resource centres, outdoor learning areas and the refurbishment of classrooms.

Funding for P21 is based upon the following milestone payments, 25 per cent on commencement: 25 per cent on milestone one: 25 per cent on milestone two: and 25 per cent on completion. For projects less than \$0.85m, payments are 50 per cent on commencement 50 per cent on completion.

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

Where to next?

The third and final round of Primary Schools for the 21st Century will close on 10 July 2009 and will provide further funding to eligible Australian primary schools. Those schools that did not apply in Round Two will have an opportunity to apply for funding in Round Three. Round Three projects must be completed by the 31 March 2011.

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

