



Building the Education Revolution

Background

Building the Education Revolution (BER) is a \$16.2 billion investment that provides world-class educational facilities, through new infrastructure and refurbishments, to all eligible Australian schools.

BER is a key element of the Australian Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan, which aims to provide economic stimulus by supporting employment through local infrastructure projects.

Progress

Since the announcement of the program in February this year, the BER has been implemented by the Commonwealth, state and territory education authorities, and Block Grant Authorities around Australia within extremely short timeframes to ensure the greatest impact on job support.

An enormous amount has been achieved in this time. In more than 9 500 schools across Australia, there are more than 24 000 BER projects underway.

All BER funding has now been allocated for each of three elements of the BER, which has seen:

- \$14.1 billion delivered to 7 962 schools under *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* (P21) for 10 712 projects including new libraries, multipurpose halls, classrooms and the refurbishment of existing facilities
- \$821.8 million delivered to 537 schools under *Science and Language Centres for 21st Secondary Schools* (SLC) for the construction of new or refurbishment of existing science laboratories or language learning centres, and
- \$1.288 billion delivered to 9 501 schools under the *National School Pride* program (NSP) for 13 188 projects, including the refurbishment of buildings, construction or upgrade of fixed shade structures, covered outdoor learning areas, sporting grounds and facilities and green upgrades.

Many schools have already completed NSP projects and have started work on major P21 construction.

These projects have been able to showcase new and emerging technologies and encourage best practice sustainable design techniques, all tailored to create environments conducive to 21st century pedagogy practices.

The learning environments built under this program will help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and bring communities together.

Further information

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