



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston**

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#### **New Facilities for Hackham East Schools**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today attended the official opening of new classrooms and a refurbished multipurpose space at Hackham East Schools built as part of the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER).

Ms Rishworth said that Hackham East Junior Primary and Primary Schools received a combined amount of \$4,250,000 under the National School Pride (NSP) program and Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the BER.

Ms Rishworth congratulated Hackham East Schools on their new facilities and spoke of the benefit to both the school and local community.

Ms Rishworth said "It has been fantastic to see the principal, school staff, parents and tradespeople working together to deliver this important local project. Now that it is complete, teachers and students at Hackham East Schools will be teaching and learning in 21st Century facilities that they so richly deserve.

"It is tremendous to be here today to celebrate the opening of these new classrooms and the refurbished multipurpose space. I am also delighted that this particular project has supported the employment of 72 workers. This is what we strived to achieve – this is the essence of the Economic Stimulus Plan."

Ms Rishworth said the eight classrooms and refurbished multipurpose space is the first construction since 1985. The new facilities were created in collaboration between the two Hackham East schools resulting in a unique design providing state of the art, bright, airy spaces conducive to learning.

The BER is a key element of the Australian Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan to support jobs, stimulate local economies and invest in important infrastructure for the long term.

The \$1.28 billion National School Pride (NSP) program is providing funding to more than 9400 eligible schools in every state and territory for minor infrastructure and refurbishment.

The \$14.1 billion Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element is providing funding to over 7900 eligible primary schools in every state and territory for major new infrastructure.

Further information about this project and all schools funded under the BER is available at [www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au](http://www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au) or at: [www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au).