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MEDIA RELEASE

Historic school modernisation program for Kingston

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today announced that under the first stage three local secondary schools in Southern Adelaide will receive over \$5.7 million to build new or refurbished science laboratories and language centres or dual facilities under the *Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools* (SLC) element of the Building the Education Revolution (BER).

- Aldinga Southern Vales Christian College will receive **\$1,898,000** to fund a Secondary Science Laboratory
- Cardijn College will receive **\$1,899,000** to fund a Language Learning Centre
- Christies Beach High School and South Vocational College will receive **\$1,960,000** to fund a new Science Centre

Ms Rishworth said SLC is delivering an important phase of the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution.

"It is wonderful to see our local schools and our local community benefit from the Government's huge investment in much needed new school buildings," Ms Rishworth said.

This important element of BER will deliver much needed funding to secondary schools that have demonstrated their school's disadvantage and need through a competitive process.

Projects under SLC will provide schools with access to modern facilities with leading edge technologies in their own learning spaces. Construction of these projects will commence quickly, providing immediate support for jobs.

"Today's announcement is another big step in delivering the Building the Education Revolution, a key element of the Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan," Ms Rishworth said.

"By investing in our local schools, the Rudd Government is helping to keep local contractors, tradies, truck drivers and small businesses working during these difficult days."

The Rudd Government is undertaking the largest school modernisation program in Australia's history to support local jobs, stimulate every local economy and invest in important long-term infrastructure.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is working with education authorities in relation to a number of other applications from schools which

are yet to be finalise the costings for their projects. A further announcement will be made when this process has been completed.

Applications for Round Three of Primary Schools for the 21st Century close on 10 July 2009, and will see all remaining eligible Australian schools receive funding.

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

A full list of successful schools and their planned projects are available at:
www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au