



Amanda Rishworth MP

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Over \$53 million for 24 local primary schools to support local jobs

Amanda Rishworth today announced that 24 primary schools in Southern Adelaide will receive over \$53 million for major new infrastructure projects under Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) Round Two.

This will bring the total amount of funding for local primary schools in Kingston under P21 to over \$80 million (Round One and Round Two).

Ms Rishworth said that the Rudd Government is undertaking the largest school modernisation program in Australia's history to support local jobs.

"This investment in our local primary schools is long overdue and will go a long way to supporting local jobs during the global recession."

"Teachers and students in our local schools should be teaching and learning in 21st Century facilities," said Ms Rishworth.

"It has been great to see local principals, parents and tradespeople working together to deliver these important projects."

Round Two projects will begin as soon as possible.

The \$12.4 billion P21 element will deliver much needed funding for major infrastructure projects, including libraries, multipurpose halls and covered outdoor learning centres.

Ms Rishworth encouraged those schools that have not already done so to get their applications in for Round Three which closes on 10 July 2009 and will see all remaining eligible primary schools receive funding.

The Government's \$1.3 billion National School Pride program has also delivered \$8.5 million worth of minor infrastructure and maintenance projects, in 62 primary and secondary schools in the Kingston electorate.

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