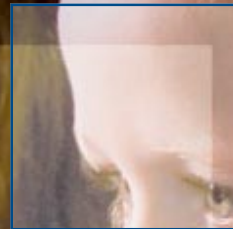




State Budget 2006—07

# Tomorrow's Schools Providing for a Smarter Future



## A message from the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Education and the Arts

All Queensland students deserve access to a world-class education system which gives them the ability to reach their full potential.

Queensland already leads the nation in its education reform agenda. Our new Preparatory Year starting in 2007 and our reforms requiring all young people to be 'learning or earning' will provide students with the skills, knowledge and creativity to succeed in the global economy.

Our Government is committed to providing modern facilities for our students to ensure they have the best learning environment. That's why the 2006-07 State Budget will see the Queensland Government invest an additional \$1 billion over five years into school facilities.

The *Tomorrow's Schools — Providing for a Smarter Future* program is a record funding boost for education and will be directed to modernising and building new school facilities across the State.

Our groundbreaking reforms have already put Queensland's education system at the forefront. We have achieved high standards in fields such as maths, science, sport and higher academic achievement.

Tomorrow's Schools will see an unprecedented degree of parent and local community involvement in deciding primary and secondary school facility requirements for the future.

The Tomorrow's Schools program is a unique and innovative approach to the future schooling needs of our communities. It will build on our education achievements, enhance school resources and facilities, and better integrate schooling into our communities.

**Peter Beattie MP**  
Premier of Queensland



**Anna Bligh MP**  
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for  
State Development, Trade and Innovation



**Rod Welford MP**  
Minister for Education and the Arts



## Tomorrow's Schools snapshot

A record \$1 billion extra funding over five years for Queensland's education system, directed at modernisation and building new school facilities across the State, including:

- A five-year \$850 million capital works program for State schools to improve and modernise the learning environment for students across Queensland. This is in addition to the existing \$427.1 million capital program in 2006-07. This is the largest one-off investment in school building projects in Queensland's history.
- An unprecedented degree of parent and local community involvement in deciding future primary and secondary school facility requirements in their area.
- \$50 million School Community Development Fund for State school communities in 2006-07 for small projects which improve a school's learning environment, such as library and science lab upgrades. Submissions for funding will be invited from schools and their Parents and Citizens' Associations, to give parents the opportunity to shape their children's schools.
- A \$100 million one-off contribution to Queensland's non-State school sector in the 2005-06 financial year to improve non-State school facilities.

## State Schools of Tomorrow

The Queensland Government understands that one of the most important influences on children's education is the quality of the classrooms in which they learn.

We are committed to providing modern school facilities to ensure children have the very best learning environment possible.

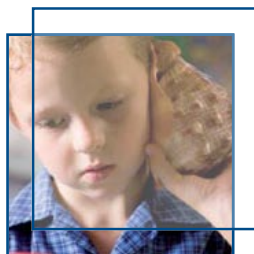


That's why Tomorrow's Schools commits \$900 million over five years, beginning in 2006-07, to modernise Queensland State school facilities. This is the largest one-off investment in school building projects in

Queensland's history. It will support our drive to transform our schools into 21st century learning environments.

This program is on top of the existing capital works budget for the Department of Education and the Arts. It does not replace existing investments for developing new schools or providing facilities for new enrolments.

Learning environments will be modernised to optimise schools' resources and facilities, and better integrate schools into our communities.



In 2006-07 we will involve Parents and Citizens' Associations and local communities to determine future school facilities within their regions. Parents will have an unprecedented level of participation in shaping the direction of their children's school facilities.

We will begin with a progressive, 12 month process involving all people who can contribute to planning for Queensland's education system — parents, teachers, community groups, local governments and industry.

This planning will lay the foundations for the implementation of the program, which will better integrate schools and their local communities to ensure students can access the best learning environment for their needs.

## School Community Development Fund

Tomorrow's Schools will direct \$50 million in 2006-07 towards immediate improvements in Queensland's State schools.

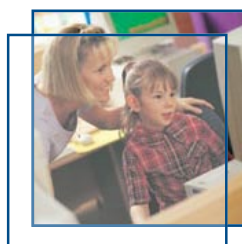
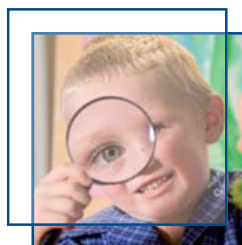
Through their Parents and Citizens' Associations, State school communities will be able to apply for State Government funding for small capital projects to improve a school's learning environment, such as library and science lab upgrades.



## Non-State School Sector Funding

To assist non-State schools to meet the demands of the future, the Tomorrow's Schools program will allocate \$100 million immediately (in 2005-06) to the non-State school sector.

This will be directed towards capital assistance, costs associated with school buildings, external infrastructure and asbestos replacement and to meet the increasing demand for information and communication technologies.



# 2006-07 Education Budget Initiatives

As well as establishing the Tomorrow's Schools program, the 2006-07 Budget will deliver these initiatives for education.

## Reducing Class Sizes

The 2006-07 Budget provides up to 224 more teachers for growing enrolments and 150 extra teachers to complete the Government's reduction of class size targets in Years 4-10 to 28 students.

## Preparatory Year Introduced State-wide

The historic introduction of a full-time Preparatory Year in State, Catholic and Independent schools in 2007 will give Queensland children the best start to their education.

## Learning or Earning

The 2006-07 Budget will continue to support the Government's historic reforms which require all young Queenslanders to be 'learning or earning'.

## Smart Classrooms

The 2006-07 Budget invests about \$84 million in new computers and related equipment and establishes a central help desk to support State schools with software and equipment breakdowns.

## Bound for Success – Improving Outcomes for Indigenous Students

In 2006-07, we will roll out our Bound for Success initiative to improve education and career opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

## Literacy and Numeracy

The 2006-07 Budget will invest a total of \$173.1 million in literacy and numeracy initiatives to boost student literacy and numeracy skills.

## Students with Disabilities

The 2006-07 Budget begins a new four-year, \$37.9 million commitment to support students with disabilities in State and non-State schools.

## Queensland Academies

This Budget provides \$12.5 million for the start of two new academies for Queensland's best and brightest in maths, science and technology and the creative arts.

## Skilling the School Workforce

The 2006-07 Budget will invest more than \$40 million in professional development for State school teachers and teacher aides.

## Better Behaviour

The 2006-07 Budget contains \$28.6 million to support the Government's ongoing commitment to strengthening school discipline and promoting positive student behaviour.

## Asbestos Roof Replacement Program

The 2006-07 Budget will progress the Government's commitment to replace every asbestos roof in every State school, with over 300 asbestos roofs already replaced.

## Non-State Schools

The 2006-07 Budget provides \$368.7 million in recurrent funding and \$46.8 million in capital assistance under the Government's partnership with Queensland's non-State schools.

## Support for Creche and Kindergarten

In the current financial year (2005-06) a one-off payment of \$500,000 has been made to the Creche and Kindergarten Association to assist with their capital program.



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