



David Littleproud MP

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New administration and classroom buildings for St John's Lutheran School

MARANOA MP David Littleproud today officially opened the new administration and classroom buildings at St John's Lutheran School in Kingaroy.

Students and staff at St John's Lutheran School now have full use of new general and specialist learning areas, administration offices and meeting rooms, a reception area and amenities. The Turnbull Government provided \$355,000 in funding from the Capital Grants Program.

Mr Littleproud attended the opening of the new buildings on behalf of Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.

"It was great to visit St John's Lutheran School and see the new facilities firsthand and the impact they will have," Mr Littleproud said.

"Students and the whole school community will benefit from using the new facilities".

"These new learning spaces take into account the latest in education research and will see students learn more effectively".

The Coalition Government is providing higher levels of school funding than ever before – a record \$73.9 billion in total Commonwealth funding over the forward estimates in all states and territories.

Nationally that represents funding growth from a record \$16.1 billion this year to \$20.2 billion in 2020, all to be allocated based on need.

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said the Coalition's funding growth is sustainable but will be tied to a range of evidence-based initiatives to support students by focussing on outcomes in literacy, numeracy and STEM subjects, helping lift teacher quality and better preparing our children for life after school.

"While buildings alone do not make a great school, I hope students and staff will enjoy learning and be inspired by these new facilities," Minister Birmingham said.

"The Turnbull Government is committed to improving the quality of our schools and equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world".

Minister Birmingham is responsible for the Capital Grants Program, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources.

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