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Sr Mary Hedwige Music Centre and Good Samaritan Secondary Block opens at Saint Mary's Catholic College

KINGAROY'S Saint Mary's Catholic College has undergone an upgrade to include new six learning areas, a new music room, practice rooms, student services, courtyard, walkways and carpark thanks to Federal Government funding.

Maranoa MP David Littleproud visited the school to see how these new facilities will enhance learning and teaching spaces.

"The Coalition Government provided \$872,611 in funding from the Capital Grants Program, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources," Mr Littleproud said.

"This government is also investing an additional \$23.4 billion in Australian schools through the Gonski needs-based funding plan that will ensure students who need the most support receive the most support, as quickly as possible."

Minister Birmingham said the government's recurrent funding growth 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 Federal 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."

For more information on the *Quality Schools* reform package visit:

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