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Maranoa MP: Raising the digital bar at Dalby SHS with \$5000 in Fed Gov't funding

Science, agriculture and technology will get a boost at Dalby State High School with \$5000 – secured through the Makers Projects program – to help foster innovation in the classroom, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Dalby State High School will use this \$5000 funding to buy materials, trolleys, trays and a 3D printer so students make various electronic components for use in agriculture and science,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Students will explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and apply these theories to projects that involve robotics, like GPS trackers on cattle.

“I’m proud to support this initiative because fostering creativity and inquiry in our classrooms means we are improving student learning outcomes and preparing them for the real world – one where technology takes centre place.

“Mathematics and science skills are essential for our economic prosperity and harnessing this knowledge in Maranoa is important for the future prosperity of the region.

“We know that 75 per cent of future jobs will require these skills, and this program introduces young people to STEM, allowing them to learn useful skills that can lead to rewarding careers in Maranoa.”

Funding for the program comes from the \$29.8 million Inspiring Australia science engagement program through the Coalition’s \$1.1 billion National Innovation and Science Agenda.

Combined with the Coalition’s rational economic plan it has already helped create over 1.25 million jobs since 2013, and will help drive creation of an extra 1.25 million jobs over the next five years.

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