



State Schools of Tomorrow



Tomorrow's Schools — providing for a smarter future

■ A message from the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts



We understand that one of the most important influences on children's education is the quality of the schools in which they learn.

That is why we are investing a record \$850 million in the landmark State Schools of Tomorrow initiative – as part of the \$1 billion Tomorrow's Schools package.

State Schools of Tomorrow gives us an unprecedented opportunity to plan the future of education and undertake major renewal and modernisation of state schools.

For the first time in Queensland history, local communities have the opportunity to help create a long-term educational vision for their state schools.

This high level of community involvement will ensure that the location and provision of modern high-quality schools matches the educational needs and aspirations of families in the 21st century.

We are committed to investing in young people of this generation and the next to ensure they enjoy a world-class education for decades to come.

We need your ideas and support to deliver our vision for educational excellence that gives all students the chance to realise their fullest potential.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Welford'.

Rod Welford MP

Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts

Snapshot of Tomorrow's Schools



State Schools of Tomorrow is the major component of the \$1 billion Tomorrow's Schools package announced by the Queensland Government in the 2006-07 Budget. It includes:

- \$850 million State Schools of Tomorrow initiative for major school renewal and modernisation
- unprecedented degree of parent and local community involvement in planning the future of state schools
- \$50 million School Community Development Fund shared amongst every state school in Queensland for projects that enhance the school environment
- \$100 million one-off contribution to Queensland's non-state school sector.

■ Creating 21st century schools

Education is a top priority for the Queensland Government which is why we are investing a record amount in creating a new educational vision for Queensland state schools.

State Schools of Tomorrow focuses on planning the future of state education at a local community level, and equipping schools with high-quality facilities, resources and technologies that deliver increased educational opportunities for young people.

Many of our schools were built in an era when education was very different from the modern day. Queensland communities have also changed dramatically in recent years as a result of variations to our population and lifestyles.

State Schools of Tomorrow gives us the chance to more closely align schools for the 21st century with the educational needs of today's and tomorrow's families.

We want local communities to work together to create a sustainable long-term vision for their local state schools and consider:

- what schools they need for the future
- where they should be located
- what they should look like
- what facilities they should have.



Building and refurbishing Queensland state schools to 21st century standards

■ Innovative teaching and learning environments

State Schools of Tomorrow sets a new benchmark in innovative school design and planning.

It focuses on modernising schools and equipping them with exceptional facilities, resources and technologies that support a broad range of new or increased educational opportunities.

We want to create flexible and innovative classrooms that engage young people in a contemporary curriculum and inspire learning in students of all ages.

A key feature of State Schools of Tomorrow is its commitment to delivering the latest technology to teachers and students. General and specialised learning areas will be fitted with the ICT infrastructure and resources designed to accommodate future upgrades and technological changes.





■ Strong partnerships between schools and communities

Strong partnerships between neighbouring schools and their communities are an integral aspect of thriving communities in the 21st century.

State Schools of Tomorrow requires schools with shared enrolment boundaries to work closely together as a group to plan the delivery of state education in their community. Close collaboration increases educational opportunities and curriculum choices, and ensures schools share high-quality facilities that benefit all young people in their area.

The way of the future is for schools to become genuine community resources with facilities that could support new adult learning opportunities outside of school hours or venues for school and community programs and events.

Schools participating in State Schools of Tomorrow are encouraged to establish new links with community services such as childcare, child health, training, TAFE and tertiary providers. Where possible, schools may be in a position to co-locate with these community services.

■ Increased educational opportunities for young people

State Schools of Tomorrow is strongly committed to maximising the strong link that exists between modern, innovative school environments and enhanced student learning outcomes.

Local communities creating a new educational vision have the opportunity to identify and implement a broader range of curriculum choices by building or refurbishing high-quality specialist facilities and resources.

The educational benefits resulting from the creation of strong partnerships between schools and their local communities are far-reaching. It means students will enjoy smoother transitions across all phases of learning from Prep to Year 12, and stronger career pathways between Secondary and Higher Education.





Outdoor learning areas linked to large, flexible indoor classrooms

■ Communities planning for the future of education

State Schools of Tomorrow relies on community support to fulfil our vision for long-term educational excellence. Groups made up of parents, teachers, and residents will play a key role in creating a new educational vision for local state schools.

We will provide some examples of potential projects that can be used as a starting point for local community consultation.

These proposals will showcase a series of ideas about how schools can be tailored to the individual needs of modern Queensland communities, and spark community conversations about what schools are needed and where they should be in the future. They will also help to illustrate how schools need to change to better

accommodate student learning styles, new technologies and contemporary teaching methods.

State Schools of Tomorrow is also committed to a high level of sustainability – environmental and economic – in planning the future of state schools.

We will seek opportunities to invest in schools that best serve long-term community needs, and build partnerships with community service providers that may also share school sites.

This approach enables local communities to achieve greater sustainability and efficiency in the use of land, water and resources, whilst delivering a world-class education in 21st century schools.



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Enhancing Education Enhancing Partnerships Enhancing Sustainability



■ State Schools of Tomorrow is guided by three important principles:

• **Enhancing Educational Opportunities**

Delivering on our vision of a creative and clever Queensland through innovation and education reforms that ensure students gain the skills, knowledge and creativity to succeed in the future.

• **Enhancing Partnerships**

Developing partnerships with community, business and industry to broaden education outcomes for students and maximise community use of school facilities.

• **Enhancing Sustainability**

Identifying opportunities for increased environmental and economic sustainability in schools, and in planning for the future of state education.



State Schools of Tomorrow at a Glance ...



- An unprecedented opportunity for local communities to help plan the future of state education.
- Delivering a world-class education in 21st century teaching and learning environments.
- Building and refurbishing groups of neighbouring state schools to support future teaching and learning needs.
- Sharing modern school resources and facilities between schools and the wider community.
- Developing strong partnerships between state schools and community services such as childcare, healthcare, tertiary, TAFE and training providers.
- Creating a sustainable future for state education in line with the educational needs of individual Queensland communities.
- Providing broad curriculum choices and increased educational opportunities to benefit young people.