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State Schools of Tomorrow Update: Eastern Ipswich Project - August 2009

School Redevelopments in Full Swing

With the commencement of construction activity at Riverview State School, delivery of school renewals under the \$134.1 million *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative for Eastern Ipswich is moving ahead rapidly.

Extensive construction work is evident at Bundamba State Secondary College, Bundamba State School, Silkstone State School and Riverview State School. Work is set to continue in stages through to the end of the year with the renewals planned for completion for the start of next school year. Meanwhile, detailed planning for the new replacement of Bremer State High School continues with its opening set for the start of 2011.

Bundamba State School

The new Administration block is well underway, with work on the internal finishes currently being undertaken. The new staff and visitors car park has now been completed and the new replacement eight classroom block is well underway with roof sheeting being fitted. Work has started on the refurbishment of the upper level in F Block and the Library extension and upgrade. The relocation and construction of the new janitor's shed and tractor store have been completed. Planning for a new sports centre and music block extension under the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) is currently underway.

Silkstone State School

Work is well advanced on the two new classroom blocks and amenities blocks, with the roofing and external walls in place. Students from blocks C and D have been moved into temporary classrooms while the redevelopment is in progress. The refurbishment of these blocks has started with all internal walls and ceilings removed. Work also has started on the upgrade of the staff and visitors car park, which will provide a safer entrance and exit point from the car park. Site work has started on the new Performance Centre under the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER). The external painting of the Administration building is almost completed.

Bundamba State Secondary College

The external refurbishment and painting of the upgraded Administration and Student Services block has been completed, with the replacement of all gutters, downpipes and external fascia. The refurbishment of teaching spaces in F Block is well underway, while construction of the new Special Educational Unit on the ground floor has started. In A Block work is in full swing on the refurbishment of the Junior Science block. Foundation works for the new Performing Arts Centre and Cluster Leadership Centre are progressing well with completion set for December. A number of trees have been trimmed to decrease long term maintenance issues.

Riverview State School

Work is well underway on the refurbishment and extensions to the current Administration and Library Block. The footings for the new junior covered area and new outdoor learning areas are also progressing. Staff have relocated to B Block while the works are in progress. Additional temporary classrooms have also been provided to cater for the staged refurbishment of the teaching spaces. Site work has started on the new sports centre under the BER project with work expected to be completed in late November.

Bremer State High School

Architects and planners have continued to work with the school on the planning of school facilities. The site plan has been refined and individual block layouts are being developed. Discussions have continued with the University of Queensland on possible modifications to some specialist facilities to enable enrichment activities and on possible shared facilities. The tender for the project is expected to be called before the end of October with contractors appointed before Christmas and the school set to open for the start of the 2011 school year.

Blackstone and Dinmore state schools will close at the end of 2009. Where parents are required to change primary schools because of a school closure, a uniform allowance of \$285 is payable. Contact your school office or the *State Schools of Tomorrow* team if you have questions about this. Both schools will continue to operate and be funded normally until their closures.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school principal or the *State Schools of Tomorrow* team on 32370008. For more information please visit the *State Schools of Tomorrow* website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/tomorrows-schools/ssot-projects.html>

Eastern Ipswich Site

Bundamba State Secondary College



Site work - Performing Arts Centre and Leadership Centre



Internal refurbishment of new Special Education Unit

Bundamba State School



Internal refurbishment of F Block



New Administration Block

Silkstone State School



Car park redevelopment



Internal refurbishment of D Block

Riverview State School



Administration and library upgrade



Site works for junior covered area