

State Schools of Tomorrow Update – Eastern Ipswich Project – June 2009

Good Progress on School Renewal Projects

School renewals under the \$134.1 million State Schools of Tomorrow initiative for Eastern Ipswich are progressing rapidly at Bundamba State Secondary College, Bundamba State School and Silkstone State School. Work is expected to start shortly at Riverview State School now that the construction contract has been awarded. At all of these sites work is on track for completion for the start of the 2010 school year and concept plans and other information can be found on the website below. Work is being staged to allow the schools to operate normally in delivering their educational programs.

Architects and planners are continuing to work with the school on development of the plans for the new Bremer State High School. This state of the art school is to be built next to the University of Queensland campus and will be opening for the 2011 school year.

At the completion of the State Schools of Tomorrow renewals, the Eastern Ipswich community will be served by a network of schools featuring excellent educational facilities to support modern teaching and learning approaches.

Bundamba State School – the new junior precinct is completed that includes new amenities block, covered area and play area, with four new Prep classrooms and modifications to existing rooms. Work is well underway on the new eight classroom block and new administration block and car park. Decanting of existing classrooms have commenced to allow the redevelopment of existing classroom blocks and resource centre that is expected to start on the June/July school holidays.

Silkstone State School – Work is well underway on the two new classroom blocks and new amenities blocks. Furniture has arrived for the redeveloped historic administration block. Significant work is programmed to start in the June/ July school holidays. This includes the construction of a new hall under BER, redevelopment of existing classrooms blocks and external painting of the administration block.

Bundamba State Secondary College – Construction has started on the Performing Arts Centre and Cluster Leadership Centre with an expected completion date by December. New furniture has arrived for the new music centre, remodelled administration block including student services. The refurbishment of the existing school facilities is expected to start in late June.

Riverview State School – contracts have been awarded for the redevelopment with site work currently programmed to start in the June/ July school vacation. The renewal will include refurbishment of existing classrooms to incorporate the functions found in new schools including practical learning areas, withdrawal areas and teacher preparation areas. The library and administration are to be extended and refurbished and a new undercover multipurpose area and four new outdoor learning areas are to be constructed along with of a life skills centre. This work will be done concurrently with the development of a new sports centre to be funded through the Australian Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

Bremer State High School – The site for the new Bremer State High School next to the University of Queensland campus has been announced. Subject to planning approvals, it is proposed that the construction will go to tender later this year, with the school to open for the start of 2011. Planning is continuing and the concept plans are expected to be available on the website shortly.

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 closure.

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>

Bundamba State Secondary College

Site work for New Performing Arts Centre & Cluster Leadership Centre



New Staff Area



Bundamba State School

Site work for New Administration Block



New Junior amenities and covered area



Silkstone State School

Site works for new Amenities Block



Two new 8 space classroom blocks

