

State Schools of Tomorrow Update – Eastern Ipswich Project - May 2009

Work Continues on School Renewal Projects

Delivery of school renewals under the \$134.1 million State Schools of Tomorrow initiative for Eastern Ipswich is moving ahead with construction work at three schools continuing and another soon to have the building contract awarded. The concept plans are on display at the schools and on the web site below. Planning is also proceeding for the new replacement high school.

Signs of the building activity can be clearly seen at Bundamba State Secondary College, Bundamba State School and Silkstone State School. Work will continue through to the end of the year with their renewals planned for completion for the start of next school year along with the renewal of Riverview State School. The new Bremer State High School is planned to open for 2011.

Building contractors and Departmental officers continue to work closely with schools to minimise the impact of the building program on students and families. Student safety is a top priority.

Bundamba State School – the new junior precinct will be completed in early June, with the new amenities block and covered area now under construction while the four new Prep classrooms and modifications to existing rooms have been in use since the start of the year. Site works have started for the new eight classroom block and new administration block and car park. The redevelopment of existing school facilities will be commencing soon.

Silkstone State School – the school is now using the administration block following major refurbishment. Work has now commenced on two new classroom blocks of eight classrooms each and two new amenities blocks.

Bundamba State Secondary College – the new music centre, with classrooms, practice rooms, recording studio etc is now in use. The lower level of the administration block has been refurbished with new student services facilities and a new staff common room along with improved street access. The school awaits delivery of new furniture for these areas. Refurbishment of the upper level of this block has been completed. Contracts have been let for the new Performing Arts Centre and Cluster Leadership Centre with construction activities expected to commence by the end of May. The refurbishment of the existing school facilities is expected to start in late June.

Riverview State School – contracts have been called for the redevelopment including a new covered area, an extension and upgrade to the current administration building and library and classroom renewal, with an expected start date of mid June.

Bremer State High School – The site of the new Bremer State High School has been announced. Subject to planning approvals, it is proposed to build the school on a 12.5 Ha site next to the University of Queensland campus. The site is on Warwick Road on part of the land leased by the Sandy Gallop golf course. Planning for the school is progressing with concept plans for the school expected to be available on the website in the coming weeks. The school will feature the latest Education Queensland design features.

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 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/round1-eastipswich/>

Bundamba State Secondary College
Administration Reception



New Staff Area



Bundamba State School

Junior Covered Area and amenities



Site work for new classroom block



Silkstone State School

Site works for 2 new classroom blocks



New Principals Office

