

State Schools of Tomorrow

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

New Cluster Leadership Centre Taking Shape

The \$134.1 million *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative for Eastern Ipswich has reached another milestone this month with the erection of tilt panel walls for the Cluster Leadership Centre located at Bundamba State Secondary College.

The Leadership Centre was one of the facilities sought during the community consultation process and will be shared by all cluster schools to assist in delivering personal development and leadership programs for students. It is modelled on the highly-successful centre at The Gap State High School. The impressive new Bundamba State Secondary College Performing Arts Centre, located near the Cluster Leadership Centre, also now has its walls in place with the structural steel and roofing now being installed.

With new buildings now nearing completion at Bundamba and Silkstone state schools, and work advancing at Riverview and Bundamba State Secondary College, the renewal program continues to move ahead.

Meanwhile, detailed planning for the new replacement Bremer State High School continues following clarification of future nearby road works. The concept plan for this exciting new educational institution located next to the University of Queensland is available through the link below with the contract for construction expected to be awarded before Christmas allowing completion in time for the 2011 school year.

Bundamba State School

The refurbishment to the upper level of F block is nearly completed with new electronic interactive white boards installed. The extension to the Resource Centre is well underway with the new trusses and roofing completed. The new eight space teaching block is well advanced with internal painting completed. The new administration block is continuing with internal painting completed and joinery well underway. Work is expected to start on the new sports centre and music block extension by the middle of October under the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) initiative.

Silkstone State School

Classes have now moved in to one of the new eight space teaching blocks with the other on track to be ready in October. The framing is being installed for the new outdoor learning area for to serve these blocks. The footings for the new library block are completed and work is well underway on the refurbishment of blocks C and D with new internal walls and ceilings well advanced. The upgrade of the main car park, with new entrance point and new external fencing has begun and the installation of two 200,000 litre tanks has been completed. The new junior and senior toilet blocks will be completed for the start of next term. Retaining walls for the new performance centre to be delivered under the Australian Government's BER program are complete.

Bundamba State Secondary College

All of the tilt slab panel walls for the new Performing Art Centre and Cluster Leadership Centre are in place, with the steel trusses for the roofs almost completed. The external treatment of F block is well underway, with the internal upgrade of the upper teaching spaces nearly completed. The construction of the new Special Education Unit is also advancing. The external painting of the junior science block is completed, while the internal refurbishment is in full swing. The external walls and storage area for the ground level café under C block are well advanced and work has started on the new front entry fence.

Riverview State School

The steel trusses and roofing are in place for the new junior covered area. The extensions to the administration block and resource centre are proceeding well. The foundation work for the new outdoor learning areas are finished with the trusses and beams expected to be installed by early October. Plans have been completed for the new staff and visitor car park creating a safer entry and exit points. Site work has started on the new sports centre under the BER program with work expected to be completed in late December.

Bremer State High School

Detailed planning for the new replacement Bremer State High School continues following clarification of future nearby road works. The concept plan for this exciting new educational institution located next to the University of Queensland is available on the *State Schools of Tomorrow* website at http://education.qld.gov.au/tomorrows-schools/round1-eastipswich/docs/bremer_shs_site_plan_sep_09.pdf.

The contract for construction expected to be awarded before Christmas allowing completion in time for 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



Performing arts centre



New Special Education Unit location

Bundamba State School



New classroom block



Refurbished classroom

Silkstone State School



New classroom block and library foundations



In ground water tanks

Riverview State School



New junior covered area



New library and administration extension