

Senator the Hon David Fawcett

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New facilities for students at King's Baptist Grammar School

Senator for South Australia Senator the Hon David Fawcett today joined the King's Baptist Grammar School community to open a new middle school building that was partly funded by the Coalition Government.

The Coalition Government provided \$337,000 for the \$3,675,000 project through the Capital Grants Program, which provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure.

"We are ensuring that every child gets a quality education no matter where they go to school. Funding for SA schools has increased to a record \$1.8 billion in 2021/22, up from \$1.6 billion in 2020/21 - a 64% increase since the Government came to office in 2013," Senator Fawcett said.

"We are delivering real, needs-based funding that is matched by national reforms that will drive better results and outcomes, as recommended by David Gonski in his Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools.

"Students and staff at King's Baptist Grammar School are to benefit from the construction of a new middle school building with general learning areas, specialist spaces, teacher offices and a middle school administration. The building accommodates extra classes for Years 6 and 7 and matches standards that the junior school currently enjoys such as break out spaces and shared learning areas.

"This Government is committed to providing Australian children and young people with the best education possible and we have demonstrated this by increasing funding for Education, both state run and independent schools every year since forming government in 2013.

"I congratulate King's Baptist Grammar School on their successful grant application and look forward to seeing the positive impact the new facility is to have for students, staff and the wider community."

South Australian students are to benefit from the Morrison Government's record \$1.8 billion funding for schools in South Australia in 2021/22, up from \$1.6 billion in 2020/21. Funding for SA schools has grown 64 per cent since the Government came to office in 2013.

More information about the Capital Grants Program: https://bit.ly/3vMajeK

Photos, available here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1shlt3672Nu3yG8MqARaXSapYHNSEUzSG?usp=sharing

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