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Opening of New School Building at Mount Scopus Memorial College

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, has officially opened the new primary school building at Mount Scopus Memorial College on the Gandel Campus in Burwood, built as part of the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER).

Mount Scopus Memorial College received \$2,700,000 under the National School Pride (NSP) program and Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the BER.

The BER is a key element of the Australian Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan to support jobs, stimulate local economies and invest in important infrastructure for the long term.

Ms Burke congratulated Mount Scopus Memorial College on their new facilities which include brand new classrooms, flexible learning areas, wireless access throughout and integrated outdoor facilities.

'We have now reached the next exciting phase in Building the Education Revolution,' Ms Burke said.

'It's fantastic that the principal, school staff, parents and tradespeople at Mount Scopus Memorial College have worked together to deliver this important project. In particular, the school community is to be congratulated for its very generous commitment to contribute in excess of \$4 million to the project'.

Now that they are completed, teachers and students at Mount Scopus will be teaching and learning in 21st Century facilities that they so richly deserve.'

'The new facilities will not only provide valuable opportunities for effective learning and innovative teaching practices, but enhance the College's capacity to provide high quality education', School Principal, Rabbi James Kennard said.

Speaking on behalf of the students, School Captain Isabella Smorgon was really pleased that the new building "...would make our school even better".

Ms Burke said the new facilities are not only a benefit to the school, but had provided local jobs.

'I am also delighted that this particular project has supported the employment of over 100 workers. This is what we strived to achieve – this is the essence of the Economic Stimulus Plan,' Ms Burke said.

Further information about this project and all schools funded under the BER is available at www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au.

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