



## INTRODUCTION

School appearance and the quality of facilities is an important measure of standards in the eyes of the community.

The condition of the school is an important factor in developing pride and confidence in a school and in improving learning and working conditions, and staff morale.

Since 2005, Labor has invested more than \$1 billion upgrading, maintaining and replacing Government schools – the biggest spend on school infrastructure in the State’s history.

In fact, the Government has opened more than 60 schools since 2001 and around 25 more are underway. This compares with just 41 schools opened during the eight years of the Coalition Government.

Next year, 15 new schools will be opened – a 30 year record.

While much has been achieved, there is always more to be done.

In its next term, Labor will commit to a **\$1.5 billion School Renewal Program** to maintain, upgrade and replace school infrastructure.

## WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

Labor has:

- opened more than 60 new or replacement schools, 16 of which are in regional areas;
- invested \$540 million on school maintenance;
- invested \$300 million since 2005 on upgrades of 42 schools;
- commenced work on the \$77.5 million Karratha education and training precinct, the most expensive school in the State’s history;
- committed to a \$63 million replacement of the flagship Governor Stirling Senior High School;
- installed the nation’s most comprehensive and highest capacity broadband network in our schools; and

- rolled out additional information and communications technology to more than 180 schools at a cost of nearly \$50 million.

## **WHAT WE WILL DO:**

Labor will:

### **1. Invest more than \$400 million on school maintenance.**

Labor has made a record investment of \$300 million on school maintenance over four years, compared to \$235 million over the last term of the Coalition Government.

With 68 per cent of schools more than 30 years old, Labor will step up its effort on school maintenance by committing an additional \$150 million, bringing the total to \$412 million over four years.

### **2. Invest more than \$600 million to upgrade schools.**

Many schools have been refurbished over the last eight years, and many more projects are underway and will be completed within the next four years, including:

- Perth Modern School refurbishment (\$27 million)
- Newton Moore SHS (\$12.5 million);
- Geraldton Senior College (\$9.5 million); and
- Wanneroo Senior High School (\$6 million).

In the next term, Labor will inject an additional \$160 million into its School Renewal program to undertake major refurbishment work at more primary, secondary and district high schools, bringing the total to around \$610 million.

### **3. Complete and start 36 new and replacement schools over the next four years at a cost of more than \$500 million.**

Labor has opened 60 schools since 2001, with 15 more due to open in 2009.

New and replacement schools due to open in 2009 include:

- Dalyellup College;

- Manea College – Bunbury;
- Fitzroy Crossing DHS;
- Ashdale College – Landsdale (Stage 1);
- Karratha SHS (Stage 1);
- Kingston PS;
- Madeley PS;
- Somerly PS;
- Success PS;
- Craigie Heights PS;
- Bannister Creek PS;
- Roseworth PS; and
- Safety Bay PS.

In addition, the Carpenter Government has announced the \$63 million replacement of the flagship Governor Stirling SHS; a complete rebuild of Karratha SHS and Karratha Primary school at a combined cost of more than \$100 million; the second stages of Ellenbrook and Comet Bay colleges; and the second stage of Mount Barker community school.

Over the next term, Labor will build 18 new primary schools including:

- Wattle Grove;
- Deanmore;
- Ashby;
- Aubin Grove;
- Baldivis;
- Meadow Springs;
- North Butler; and
- Aveley.

Labor will also complete or commence the following 7 secondary schools:

- Ashdale HS (Stage 2);
- Atwell HS (Stage 2);
- Butler HS (Stage 1);
- Baldivis HS (Stage 1);
- Byford HS (Stage 1);
- Governor Stirling SHS – replacement; and
- Karratha Senior High School (Stage 2) – replacement.

#### **4. Negotiate with the Commonwealth to roll out trade training centres to WA schools.**

The Carpenter Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth to provide trade training opportunities for Western Australian secondary students.

Through the partnership arrangements, six centres will be established in 2010 at:

- Broome Senior High School;
- Girrawheen Senior High School;
- John Forrest Senior High School;
- Merredin Senior High School;
- Northam Senior High School ; and
- Catholic Agricultural College at Bindoon.

This will allow students to begin their training at school towards qualifications in skill shortage areas such as plumbing and gas fitting, building and construction, painting and decorating, metal fabrication and hospitality.

Labor will negotiate with the Commonwealth for a co-ordinated rollout of more centres over the next four years, including the following:

- Ballajura Community College;
- Mirrabooka SHS;
- Morley SHS;
- Pinjarra SHS;
- Central Midlands SHS;
- Harvey Agricultural College;
- Collie SHS;
- Busselton SHS;
- Manjimup SHS;
- North Albany SHS;
- Esperance SHS;
- Woodvale SHS;
- Newman SHS;
- Sevenoaks Senior College;
- Armadale SHS; and
- Tom Price SHS.

**5. Increase the Low Interest Loan scheme for non-Government schools by \$10 million.**

Labor introduced the Low Interest Loan Scheme in 1988 to assist non-Government schools with capital works.

Since its inception, the scheme has provided 1039 loans worth \$490 million to 319 schools.

The scheme has been set at \$25 million per annum for the last 20 years. Labor will increase the pool of available funds to \$35 million per annum.

## WHAT IT WILL COST (Impact on forward estimates)

INITIATIVE	Funding	2008-09 \$'000	2009-10 \$'000	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Recurrent</b>						
1.School maintenance	Additional	19,000	46,000	47,000	38,000	150,000
	Fwd Est	65,500	65,500	65,500	65,500	262,000
4.Trade training centres	C'wealth funded					
5.Low interest loan scheme – non-Govt schools	Additional		500	950	1,400	2,850
<b>Total additional recurrent expenditure</b>		19,000	46,500	47,950	39,400	152,850
<b>Capital</b>						
2.School capital improvements	Additional	1,600	56,400	49,000	53,000	160,000
	Fwd Estimates	138,365	145,077	104,667	61,233	449,342
3. New and replacement schools	Fwd Estimates	144,852	121,400	134,800	117,800	518,852
<b>Total additional capital expenditure</b>		1,600	56,400	49,000	53,000	160,000

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