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New buildings and opportunities for SA students

In a boost for South Australian students, School Education Minister Peter Garrett today officially opened more than $3.6 million in new school buildings funded by the Gillard Government at Emmaus Christian College in South Plympton, South Australia.

Mr Garrett and Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas MP opened a new multipurpose hall and refurbished sports facilities ($2.2 million), a new Trade Training Centre ($863,815) and modernised administration and classroom areas ($589,000).

“The Gillard Government is investing heavily in education reform this year and beyond, and we are proud to also be investing in students, teachers and our future tradespeople here in South Plympton,” Mr Garrett said.

Mr Garrett congratulated Emmaus Christian College (formerly Tabor Christian College), on their new facilities and welcomed the opportunities the building investment would bring for young people in the area.

“It has been fantastic to see the principal, school staff, parents and tradespeople working together to deliver new school facilities so that students in this area can learn in 21st Century facilities so they are ready for the jobs of the future,” he said.

“This Trade Training Centre, just like others around Australia, will provide students with the resources and experience they need to pursue a different path towards further education and employment.

“Along with new classroom and administration facilities this means the government’s investment in education here and throughout this area will provide great opportunities for students and teachers to be their best well into the future.”

To date the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program has awarded more than $1.03 billion to fund 288 projects benefiting 927 schools throughout Australia, while the Government Capital Grants Program has provided $1.7 billion for capital works in schools across Australia.

Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas MP joined Minister Garrett at the event and in welcoming the new school buildings.
“I'm proud that the Gillard Government is delivering for education in Hindmarsh and we will continue investing in our schools and in our children, because after all, they are the future,” Mr Georganas said.

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