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\$105,815 Maintenance Boost for Bremer State High School

Around \$105,815 will be provided for a special maintenance project at Bremer State High School under the first round of the State Government's High Priority Building Asset Maintenance Program.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the funding would be provided for roof improvements.

"This extra maintenance project will be welcome news for the school and fulfils a commitment made during the election," Ms Nolan said.

"The project is separate from and in addition to the school's annual maintenance budget, and will provide a boost to maintenance works for the year.

"The first round of the High Priority Building Asset Maintenance Program will focus on key areas of need – new roofs, carpets and water reticulation services.

"It will be expanded next year to include classroom refurbishments and some work on tuckshops and playground equipment.

"The High Priority Building Asset Maintenance Program is part of the Beattie Government's election promise to invest \$127 million over the next three years to improve school environments, restore and preserve buildings and reduce potential health risks."

Education Minister Anna Bligh said the program complements the extensive work being carried out by the State Government under the Triple R program, which funds re-roofing, repainting and reticulation projects.

"Starting dates for individual projects under the new program will be negotiated with each school to ensure minimal disruption to normal school routines," Ms Bligh said .

"The program will ensure students in the Smart State will continue to be supported by high quality facilities."