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RENEWAL WORKS TO START AT BUNDAMBA SCHOOLS

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Major renewal works are under way at Bundamba State School and are set to start at Silkstone State School as part of the \$134.1 million Eastern Ipswich State Schools of Tomorrow project.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the schools were among five in the eastern Ipswich area that would undergo major renewal works over the coming year to bring facilities into line with modern learning needs.

“This is a major investment by the Bligh Government into our local schools,” Ms Nolan said.

“Work has already started at Bundamba State School on four new Prep classrooms that will be finished in time for the start of the 2009 school year.

“These classrooms will be form part of a new junior precinct due for completion early in 2009.

“This precinct will include an amenities block, covered area, the relocation of play equipment and modifications to existing Prep classroom.”

Ms Nolan said a “learning for Life” centre was planned for the school with facilities including a kitchen and laundry to teach students life skills.

“An older teaching block at the front of the school will also be demolished over the school holidays to make way for a new eight-space general learning block,” he said.

Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said planning was also well advanced for renewal works at Silkstone State School and for the relocation of Silkstone State School.

“A schedule for all woks across schools in the cluster is being finalised, with all new and refurbished facilities planned for completion in time for the start of the 2010 school year.”

Concept plans showing the redevelopment planned at each site will be available for viewing before the end of the school year.