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# Rachel Nolan

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## HISTORIC SILKSTONE SCHOOL BUILDING RESTORED

As part of the biggest investment in local schools in a generation, the original Silkstone State School building has been faithfully restored to incorporate modern educational facilities, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan announced today.

“This careful restoration has brought the building’s beautiful original features back to life,” Ms Nolan said.

“The school building was built in 1915 and has been in continuous use ever since. It is incorporated on the Ipswich heritage register and is currently being considered for state listing.

“As part of the Bligh Government’s State Schools of Tomorrow program, the building has been painted, its pressed metal ceilings have been restored and a verandah which has been closed in for years has been again opened up.

“The work uncovered an ingenious internal ventilation system through which skirting boards could be raised to create floor to ceiling air flow.

“While sympathetic to the original structure, new rooms have been created inside the building including a new sick bay for children, interview rooms for parents and staff, a new school reception and new offices for the Principal and Deputies.

The work has been undertaken by QBuild.

The restoration project is part of a major school upgrade being undertaken as part of the Bligh Government’s \$134 million State Schools of Tomorrow program.

Other works to be undertaken this year at Silkstone include –

- 2 new 8 classroom blocks
- A new hall and outdoor area
- A new amenities block
- Library extension
- Existing classrooms to be enlarged where needed and renewed with practical learning areas , teacher preparation and storage areas, improved technology etc



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- A life skills centre
- Improved disability access
- New outdoor learning areas
- New entry statement and signage

Bundamba State School is receiving a similarly comprehensive upgrade and Bremer State High School is to be completely rebuilt at a new site.

The LNP is on record opposing the project. Launching the LNP Education policy on 11 October 2008, LNP leader Lawrence Springborg said **“the LNP would divert funding from Labor's failed State Schools of Tomorrow plan to deliver on its policy.”** (LNP press release 11 October 2008)



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