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NEW JUNIOR PRECINCT FOR BUNDAMBA STATE SCHOOL

The Bligh Government's \$134.1 million school renewal program for Eastern Ipswich has taken another step forward with the handover of a new junior amenities block and multi-purpose covered area at Bundamba State School.

State member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan joined the Principal of Bundamba State School to inspect ongoing works for a new junior precinct which will also include four new classrooms, modifications to two existing classrooms, an adventure playground, covered links and new sandpit and play areas.

"The *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative has enabled the complete master planning of the school and development of this separate precinct for the junior students," Ms Nolan said.

"The entire school is undergoing a makeover, with work also progressing rapidly on a new administration block, new car park and new classroom block."

"Work is also under way on refurbishing another classroom block and extending and refurbishing the library," she said.

Ms Nolan said the renewal of Silkstone State School was also under way, with projects planned for completion for the start of the 2010 school year.

Planning is also progressing for the new replacement to Bremer State High School, due to open in 2011.

"The Bligh Government's \$134.1 million investment in Eastern Ipswich schools will give the local community access to a network of 21st century educational facilities with the entire project expected to generate 1035 jobs during the construction period," Ms Nolan said.

"These new facilities will improve learning opportunities for local young people well into the future. The project is a key plank of the government's job creating building program. The works were opposed by the Liberal National Party and would have been cancelled had Labor not won the last election."

Ms Nolan said almost \$2 billion was being invested in modernising and building schools across Queensland.

This includes \$1.16 billion for school infrastructure under the Australian Government's *Building the Education Revolution*.

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