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Sod turning on new school for Yamanto

Member for Ipswich, Hon Rachel Nolan MP, and federal member for Blair Shayne Neumann turned the sod at the site of the \$26m school for Yamanto. This new school will replace the Amberley State School, which has to close due to an expansion of the RAAF Base Amberley.

"Ecologically sustainable initiatives have been incorporated into the design of the school including rain water tanks, energy efficient lighting and waterless urinals. A photovoltaic solar panel and power monitors are also included to assist with educating the children on solar energy and power usage" said Ms Nolan

"Security of the school grounds will be monitored by Closed Circuit TV and air conditioning will be in all classrooms, the administration area and the library.

"This will be a state of the art primary school providing the best possible educational facilities for our local children" said Ms Nolan.

Shayne Neumann said the Federal Government was pleased to have provided the \$26.83 million to the Queensland State Government to build the new school site. On top of that \$2.125 million has been given to the school under the Federal Government's BER program for a multipurpose hall, outside school hours care and new smart boards. And a further \$1.6 million has been provided to relocate the early learning and care centre.

"Due to the growth of the RAAF Base Amberley, which includes increased traffic movement and the construction of new live-in accommodation and messing facilities to cater for over 500 Defence personnel, the current school site needed to be moved to a more appropriate location."

The new school will be open for the first day of school 2010.