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Record investment in district high schools

Thursday, 29 November 2012

- **27 district high schools to receive \$40m of new facilities**

Education Minister Peter Collier and Culture and the Arts and Science and Innovation Minister John Day today outlined the single biggest investment ever committed to specialist facilities in Western Australian district high schools.

The Ministers announced \$40million would be spent refurbishing or building new science laboratories, design and technology workshops, and home economics rooms at 27 district high schools.

Mr Collier said the record level of investment in specialist facility capital works projects in district high schools underlined the Liberal-National Government's ongoing commitment to education in regional WA, including specialist areas of learning such as art; and design and technology.

"Thousands of students located throughout regional WA will benefit from state-of-the-art learning environments dedicated to specialist areas of study," he said.

"The new and upgraded facilities will further enhance the wonderful academic and vocational programs taught in these district high schools, serving communities from Boddington to Halls Creek, and Kambalda to Yanchep.

"State-of-the-art classrooms also mean students will have the best opportunities to excel in important subjects such as science and technology, which are essential for meeting future industry needs."

The four-year capital works program - which begins at the end of 2012 for expected completion in 2016 - also includes upgrades to arts spaces, media studios and general-purpose rooms.

Culture and the Arts and Science and Innovation Minister John Day said fostering an interest in science and the arts at school was an important foundation for engaging the wider community.

"A society which is aware of the science around them and employs scientific thinking is better equipped to make informed decisions and develop innovative solutions," Mr Day said.

"Ensuring WA's public schools have state-of-the-art science facilities will help us with our efforts to increase the wider community's engagement with science to ensure a skilled future workforce. As WA's arts sector continues to grow in vibrancy and diversity, tomorrow's artists, actors and practitioners will have the chance to make their start in these new school buildings today."

Fact File

- **Single biggest investment in specialist facilities in WA's district high schools**
- **Upgrades and refurbishment works to start this year**
- **List of schools attached**

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DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	SCOPE OF WORKS
Boddington DHS	New performing arts space and media studio costing an estimated \$1.5million.
Boyup Brook DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Bruce Rock DHS	Upgrade of design and technology extraction systems costing an estimated \$300,000.
Carnamah DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory costing an estimated \$500,000.
Corrigin DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and design and technology extraction systems costing an estimated \$500,000.
Dalwallinu DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Gingin DHS	New performing arts space, media studio, changing rooms and home economics upgrade costing an estimated \$3million.
Halls Creek DHS	New science laboratory, composite design and technology workshop, arts studio, performing arts space, student services facility, staff study, changing rooms and toilets costing an estimated \$10million.
Jurien Bay DHS	New performing arts space, design and technology additions and dust extraction systems upgrade costing an estimated \$1.5million.
Kambalda West DHS	Refurbishments to home economics and science preparation room costing an estimated \$750,000.
Kojonup DHS	Refurbishment of science preparation room costing an estimated \$200,000.
Kulin DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Lake Grace DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory costing an estimated \$400,000.
Meekatharra DHS	Upgrade of design and technology extraction systems costing an estimated \$500,000.
Morawa DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$800,000.
Mullewa DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Norseman DHS	Refurbishment of home economics room costing an estimated \$400,000.
Ravensthorpe DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Southern Cross DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$700,000.
Toodyay DHS	New performing arts space costing an estimated \$500,000.
Wagin DHS	Refurbishment of home economics room costing an estimated \$300,000.
Waroonah DHS	Refurbishment of home economics room costing an estimated \$400,000.
Wongan Hills DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory costing an estimated \$400,000.
Wyalkatchem DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory and home economics room costing an estimated \$600,000.
Wyndham DHS	Refurbishment of science laboratory, home economics room and design and technology extraction systems costing an estimated \$2million.
Yanchep DHS	New facilities including two science laboratories, two design and technology workshops, arts studio, drama room, dance room, media studio, staff study, changing room and toilets costing an estimated \$10.5million.
York DHS	New performing arts space and completion of workshop fit-out costing an estimated \$750,000.