



# Top marks for spruce-up

## YANCHEP HIGH GETS \$1M REFURBISHMENT

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NEW carpets, gutter repairs and laptops are part of a \$1 million spruce-up being rolled out at Yanchep District High School.

Education Minister Peter Collier said the school was among several in WA receiving a spruce-up that included carpeting of 20 rooms, more car park lots, tree maintenance and gutter repairs.

"We are spending almost \$1 million to improve the condition of the school and ensure it remains safe for staff and students," he said.

"The works also include sewerage connections, a revamp of the demountable design and technology classrooms and the construction of a path to the City of Wanneroo oval.

"A further \$100,000 is being spent on information technology upgrades which will ensure a fully working smartboard in every classroom and Macbook Air laptops to assist student learning, particularly in Year 10."

YDHS P&C Association secretary Carly Nasso said they were pleased with the current schedule underway.

"The new carpets look fantastic – it is so important that the students and staff have pleasant working environments," she said.

"Many people over many years have been asking for better facilities (and) it is wonderful to see these requests have been acknowledged and granted.

"While there is still work to be done, the optimism and pride rising in the school with the students, staff and parents is highly noticeable.

"We look forward to seeing the upgrades for the design and technology building and seeing the effects of the recently announced extra money of \$100,000-plus for new technology.

"We expect our numbers to rise significantly before the new high school

opens in 2019, so we are hoping that we will continue to see high levels of maintenance and infrastructure support from the Department Of Ed-

ucation."

Mr Collier said there were currently 19 transportable classrooms and more would be provided if student numbers increased.

He said preliminary planning work would also begin on reverting it to a primary school in 2019, when a secondary school is scheduled to open in Yanchep.

The current school maintenance or refreshment program also includes \$20,000 for paving at Clarkson Community High School.